UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CINDY LEE GARCIA,

Plaintiff-Appellant

v.

GOOGLE, INC., YOUTUBE LLC, et al., Defendants-Appellees

and

NAKOULA BASSELEY NAKOULA, an individual, a.k.a. Sam Bacile, et al.,

Defendants.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Central District of California

D.C. No. 2:12-cv-08315-MWF-VBK

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24	Delaware Corporation; YOUTUBE, LLC, a California limited liability company, and	
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Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia ("Plaintiff") submits the following responses to Defendants' objections to the evidence Plaintiff submitted in support of her Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

I. Defendants' Objections to the Declaration of Zahava Levine

Defendants have objected to the declaration of Zahava Levine, Chief Counsel to YouTube LLC ("YouTube"), including all exhibits, on relevancy grounds, because, they claim, Plaintiff is not seeking monetary relief pursuant to her motion for a preliminary injunction. Plaintiff responds that Ms. Levine's declaration is relevant in its entirety because it shows that Google, Inc. ("Google") and YouTube have a regular business practice of promptly responding to takedown requests, such as the many requests that Ms. Garcia has sent, in stark contrast to the Defendants' intransigence regarding the same.

Defendants further object to the declaration and its exhibits on hearsay grounds. This objection is entirely disingenuous. Ms. Levine is the principal lawyer for these defendants on these issues, and indeed it was these very same defendants who submitted Ms. Levine's declaration on the subject of their usual business practices. Accordingly, Ms. Levine's declaration is admissible as an admission of a party opponent pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d)(2)(A)-(D).

II. Defendants' Objections to the Declaration of Cindy Lee Garcia

No.	Material Objected To	Ground(s) for Objection	Plaintiff's Response
1.	Paragraph 5, fifth sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	FED. R. EVID. 801(d)(2); party-opponent admission.
2.	Paragraph 7, in its entirety.	Improper legal conclusion.	Paragraph 7 merely relates Ms. Garcia's personal knowledge: neither Defendant Youssef (a/k/a Bacile a/k/a Nakoula) nor his

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1 2 3 4			agents hired her as an "employee." These statements are not "legal conclusions," but merely Ms. Garcia's personal recollections and observations admissible pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 602.
5 3, 4. 6 7 8 8 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	Paragraph 8, first and second sentences.	Improper legal conclusion, Speculation; lacks foundation.	The first sentence is not a legal conclusion; it is a statement of fact, which the Defendants have not rebutted despite ample time to attempt to do so. As to the second sentence, Ms. Garcia is not testifying that others signed or that they did not sign releases or work-for-hire agreements. That would be speculation. She is testifying that she is not aware of what other actors did or did not do. That is a statement of fact. Such a statement is similar to, "I am not aware if it was windy in Des Moines yesterday." However, in this case, other actors have declared in their own sworn statements that indeed they did not sign any such documents.
5.	Paragraph 9, second sentence.	Improper legal conclusion	This sentence is not a legal conclusion. It is a statement of fact that Defendants cannot rebut; and, Defendants have submitted no admissible evidence to rebut this statement of fact.
# 1	Paragraph 10, third and fourth sentences.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	FED. R. EVID. 801(d)(2).
	Paragraph 10, seventh sentence	1	Ms. Garcia's statement as to what she would have done had she been informed of the film's content and purpose – that is, to not participate – is not speculative in the least. The statement reflects Ms. Garcia's moral compass and belief that thoughtless denigration of any religion is contemptible.

12,	ntence ex	learsay not abject to any exception.	This sentence is not hearsay for two reasons. First, a party opponent uttered the words and second the words are not offered for the truth of the matter asserted. Clearly, the words that Youssef (a/k/a Bacile) said to Ms. Garcia caused her to do something; to look for the video.
13,	first tence. In ten	peculation; lacks bundation; approper opinion stimony as to e impact of the m.	It is common knowledge (as contemplated by Federal Rule of Evidence 201) that the entire world was speculating about what caused the events that took place on that day. Though it was later suggested that the film likely was not directly responsible for what happened in Benghazi, it was widely reported on the national news networks that the film either caused the violence or was related to it. At the moment that Ms. Garcia is talking about, the first reports of the violence, the video was widely described as being inflammatory and part of the causation. Ms. Garcia, now watching and hearing herself utter words accusing the prophet Mohammed of being a child molester would most certainly cause any reasonable person to assume that what they said had an impact.
13, f	ourth sub	arsay not oject to any ception.	FED. R. EVID. 801(2)(a), 803(3)
Para 13, s sente	graph Special	eculation.	It is difficult for Ms. Garcia to understand to which sentence Defendants are objecting. Suffice it to say, Ms. Garcia is not speculating when she states that the performance on the video is not what she performed nor is

		50	fully informed she would never have agreed to the performance later represented by "Bacile" –
			and in perpetuity by Defendants – as that which belongs to Ms. Garcia.
12.	Paragraph 14, first sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation; hearsay not subject to any exception.	"Went viral" is a term of art describing an event that becomes very popular very quickly usually through social media. That is exactly what happened with this video after the attacks of September 11, 2012, and is not speculation. Ms. Garcia does not say what media said to her. She states the effect of the calls on her.
13.	Paragraph 14, third sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	That an Egyptian cleric issued a fatwa against Ms. Garcia is offered to show the effect on Ms. Garcia. The very next sentence, not objected to, underscores the effect that the fatwa, imagined or otherwise, had on Ms. Garcia.
14.	Paragraph 15, second, third and fourth sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Offered to show the effect on the listener, not hearsay pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence 803(1) and 801(3). Defendants would like to argue that the prejudicial effect outweighs the probative value, just as they continue to minimalize the real world consequences of upsetting radicalized Muslim followers of persons like the Egyptian cleric who issued the fatwa. Ms. Garcia agrees that law enforcement's concern for her and her counsel is prejudicial; the truth is often highly prejudicial. Under the circumstances the prejudice of the evidence only underscores its probative value. It does not outweigh it.
5.	Paragraph	Hearsay not	Same response as to objection

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1		16, fourth sentence.	subject to any exception;	14; also goes to explain the effect of the statements on her – that,
2			probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice	because of the officer's concern, she was actually placed in a secure location and restricted
3			(Fed. R. Evid.	from entry into an international airport.
4				unperu.
5	16.	Paragraph 17, first,	Hearsay not subject to any	The rawness and threat level associated with death threats sent
6		third, fourth,	exception; probative value	via the Internet cannot be sanitized by time. At the
7		fifth sentence	outweighed by unfair prejudice	moment that Ms. Garcia received the threats they were real to her
8		and Exhibit B.	(Fed. R. Evid.	and remain so. Such statements
9		Exhibit B.	403).	are exceptions to the hearsay rule via Federal Rules of Evidence
0				803(1) and 801(3). They also go to show the effect on the listener,
1				Ms. Garcia.

III. Defendants' Objections to the Declaration of Dan Sutter

Defendants object to the declaration in its entirety on relevance grounds. Defendants are wrong. Mr. Sutter's Declaration is entirely relevant because, as an actor who also appeared in the Film, he is able to speak to his personal experience and observations pertaining to the making of the Film, including the facts that: (1) Defendant Youssef/Nakoula (a/k/a Bacile) did not obtain releases from the actors; and (2) Mr. Sutter's dramatic performance, like Ms. Garcia's dramatic performance, was altered without his participation or knowledge (specifically, the meaning of Mr. Sutter's lines were changed by the addition, without Mr. Sutter's knowledge, of inflammatory lines delivered by another actor that were inserted in post-production); and (3) Mr. Sutter's dramatic performance, like Ms. Garcia's dramatic performance, was posted on YouTube without Mr. Sutter's consent, notwithstanding the fact that he did not sign a release. In short, Mr. Sutter's declaration is every bit as relevant to this case as is Ms. Garcia's declaration and supports Ms. Garcia's version of events in their entirety.

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1.	Paragraph 2, second sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	FED. R. EVID. 801(2)(d).
2.	Paragraph 4, in its entirety.	Improper legal conclusion.	This is a statement of fact, not a legal conclusion. What Mr. Sutter does or does not recall is squarely a fact within his own personal knowledge. Defendants have provided no admissible evidence to rebut this statement of fact.
3.	Paragraph 5, third sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation.	Mr. Sutter is capable of remembering what his character said and what the other character said in response. There can be no speculation when there is personal knowledge about the subject.

IV. Defendants' Objections to the Declaration of John Doe No. 1 (Gaylord Flynn)

While it was initially conteplated that Gaylord Flynn's declaration would be filed under seal, Mr. Flynn gave permission, after he signed the declaration for it to be publicly disclosed. (See Supplemental Declaration of M. Cris Armenta ¶ 2.) Given the pressure of time, rather than have Mr. Flynn re-execute the declaration, counsel obtained his permission to disclose his name in the public filings. (Id.)

Defendants object to the declaration in its entirety on relevance grounds.

Defendants are wrong. Mr. Flynn's Declaration is entirely relevant because, as an actor who also appeared in the Film, he is able to speak to his personal experience and observations pertaining to the making of the Film, including the facts that: (1)

Defendant Nakoula/Youssef (a/k/a Bacile) did not obtain releases from the actors; and (2) Mr. Flynn's dramatic performance, like Ms. Garcia's dramatic performance,

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No.	Material Objected To	Ground(s) for Objection	Plaintiff's Response
1.	Paragraph 2, third sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	This sentence references statements made by Mr. Youssef (a/k/a Bacile, a/k/a Bakoula) and/or his agents. Those statements are not hearsay, as they are admissions of a party opponent. FED. R. EVID. 801(2)(A)-(D).
2.	Paragraph 2, sixth sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; speculation; lacks foundation; improper opinion testimony as to the impact of the Film.	This sentence references statements made by the Film's production team; i.e., the agents of Defendant Nakoula/Youssef (a/k/a Bacile) and/or his agents. Those statements are not hearsay, as they are admissions of a party opponent. FED. R. EVID. 801(2)(A)-(D). To the extent that Defendants object to the phrase "violence had broken out in the Middle East over [the Film's] content," the violence related to the Film's September 2012 posting on YouTube in the Arabic language (and/or with Arabic subtitles) is a matter of common, indeed, universal knowledge, and is therefore admissible under Federal Rules of Evidence 201(b) and 201(c)(1).
	Paragraph	Improper legal	Paragraph 4 merely relates Mr.

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	4, in its entirety.	conclusion.	Flynn's personal recollection: he is familiar with actor and model releases; he did not sign such a release; he was not employed by Defendant Nakoula/Youssef (a/k/a Bacile), and he did not sign a work-for-hire agreement. These statements are not "legal conclusions," but merely Mr. Flynn's personal recollections and observations admissible pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 602.
4.	Paragraph 5, first sentence.	Lacks foundation; hearsay not subject to any exception.	This sentence references statements made by Nakoula/Youssef (a/k/a Bacile) and/or his agents. Those statements are not hearsay, as they are admissions of a party opponent. FED. R. EVID. 801(2)(A)-(D).
5.	Paragraph 6, third sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation.	The third sentence of Paragraph 6 merely relates Mr. Flynn's personal recollection: the content of the Film, specifically, the lines that Mr. Flynn himself spoke, were different in the trailer than his personal observations (and performance of his line on-set) had indicated. Moreover, as an actor, Mr. Flynn certainly is aware that when his character appeared to say words in the trailer that he, in his personal knowledge, knows that he did not say, that those words would have been inserted in post-production. Accordingly, this sentence merely sets forth Mr. Flynn's personal recollections and observations admissible pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 602.
16	Paragraph 6, fifth eentence.	Speculation; vague; ambiguous.	The third sentence of Paragraph 6 merely relates Mr. Flynn's personal recollection: that the lines he personally viewed himself appearing to deliver in the trailer of the Film were not

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1 2 3 4 5	2				the same as the lines that he delivered on-set. To the extent that Mr. Flynn states that his recollection may not be exact, that goes to weight, not admissibility. Accordingly, this sentence merely sets forth Mr. Flynn's personal recollections and observations admissible pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 602.
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7 8		7.	Paragraph 6, sixth sentence.	Relevance; improper opinion testimony	The first portion of sentence 6 merely relates Mr. Flynn's recollection of lines that he said
9				regarding the inflammatory	during post-production in which he participated. Accordingly, it is
10				nature of the lines.	admissible pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 602.
11					The second portion of sentence 6,
12					in which Mr. Flynn indicates that he did not consider "performing a
13					marriage" while in character to be inflammatory, is not improper
14		1			opinion testimony. Rather, it simply goes to the facts at the
15					heart of this case: that the actors, including Ms. Garcia and Mr.
16		15.			Flynn, were misled into believing that they were participating in an
17					innocuous historical drama. Mr. Flynn's observation that he did
18		1			not view the marriage ceremony as "inflammatory" merely
19					supports his contention (and Ms. Garcia's contention) that during
20					of the Film, they observed
21					nothing that would indicate that the Film would be released as a
22					hateful propaganda piece.
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Defendants' Objections to the Declaration of Khaled Abou El Fadl.

It is well noted here that Defendants do not make any objection to Professor El Fadl's declaration generally on the grounds of relevance, as it has done with most of the other declarations. Thus, it appears that Defendants concede that Professor El

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Fadl's declaration is relevant. Equally important is the fact that Defendants do does not object to anything in the first six paragraphs of Professor El Fadl's declaration—a devastating admission by Defendants.

All of the first six paragraphs of Professor El Fadl's declaration pertain to his bona fide qualifications and depth of knowledge. Had Defendants objected to Professor El Fadl's expert testimony in his declaration it would have objected to the statements that demonstrate his training and experience, his knowledge of Islamic law, and his international knowledge on subjects germane to the topics directly at issue in this case. For this reason alone – Defendants' acquiescence that Professor El Fadl is the expert he shows himself to be – this Court should summarily reject all of Defendants's subsequent objections.

Plaintiff notes that, aside from Professor El Fadl's incontrovertible qualifications, Defendants parsed his virtually word by word, and for good reason. Defendants assert time and again that Rule 403 silences Professor El Fadl—in other words, that the "prejudicial" effect of his testimony outweighs its probative value. Indeed, Defendants appear to concede that they cannot prevail unless this Court discards Professor El Fadl's testimony virtually in its entirety, because Professor El Fadl's testimony establishes that Ms. Garcia is very much in harm's way. Professor El Fadl draws upon his expansive, deep, and profound training and experience to inform the Court that many people associated with the Film, but in particular Ms. Garcia, are in imminent danger. Moreover, Professor El Fadl calls into question Defendants' ability to differentiate evocative speech from provocative hate speech. In particular, Google and YouTube, through their agents, have unequivocally stated that the video shall remain on YouTube (unless, presumably, a court orders them to take it down because, according to those Defendants, the crude propaganda film evokes an important social dialogue. Professor El Fadl's declaration is more probative than prejudicial because it describes the video exactly as it is: fighting

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words intended to incite violence. And it is hornbook law that fighting words are outside the protections of the First Amendment. See, e.g., Brandenburg v. Ohio, 395 U.S. 444, 447 (1969) (speech directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and likely to incite or product such action not protected by First Amendment).

The video did not evoke dialogue; it provoked immediate violence. Professor identifies the video for exactly what it is: unprotected fighting words that have directly and significantly impacted Ms. Garcia, an entirely innocent person who Nakoula/Youssef, a/k/a/ Bacile, treated as a virtual "puppet" for his message. Defendants can deny this situation by interposing more than sixty (60) objections to Professor El Fadl's Declaration. But Defendants cannot refute the powerful message contained therein. Defendants perpetuate hate and fighting words, knowingly endangering the life and safety of Ms. Garcia and those around her, while hiding behind the not impenetrable cloak of the First Amendment. Though Defendants would like to think that otherwise, corporations like them are not the arbiters of what is and is not "free speech": the law, as interpreted by this Court, does is that arbiter.

No.	Material Objected To	Ground(s) for Objection	Plaintiff's Response
1.	Paragraph 7, second sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation; improper expert opinion as to the safety of all actors in the film; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	The second sentence of this paragraph prefaces El Fadl's conclusions below. Moreover, in light of El Fadl's extensive experience and qualifications, particularly with respect to the legal systems and culture of the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism, he is more than qualified to opine on the potential danger to Ms. Garcia and the other actors. FED. R. EVID. 702.

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Defendants' Rule 403 objection, moreover, is spurious. The imminent danger to Ms. Garcia's life and safety is at the heart of this case. While learned testimony on that subject may be damaging to Defendants' resolve to continue to profit from the Film, that testimony can hardly be said to be "unfair." Sentences 2 and 3: Here, Defendants apparently make a hearsay objection to El Fadl's statement that Morris Sadek distributed an Arabic translation of the Film in September. However, experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th) Cir. 2010, citing Fed. R. Evid. 403). Sentence 4: Similarly, here, Defendants apparently make a hearsay objection to El Fadl's statement related to the distribution of the film merely explains part of the basis on which his opinions rest; accordingly, it is admissible. Sentence 4: Similarly, here, Defendants' objection to Sentences 2 and 3. Sentence 5: Here, Defendants' objection to Sentences 2 and 3. Sentence 5: Here, Defendants' objections are unmeritorious, for the same reasons set forth with respect to Defendants' objection to Sentences 2 and 3.	11			
2. Paragraph 8, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth sentence. Speculation; lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; hearsay not subject to any exception; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403). Sentences 2 and 3: Here, Defendants apparently make a hearsay objection to El Fadl's statement that Morris Sadek distributed an Arabic translation of the Film in September. However, experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030				moreover, is spurious. The imminent danger to Ms. Garcia's life and safety is at the heart of this case. While learned testimony on that subject may be damaging to Defendants' resolve to continue to profit from the Film, that testimony can hardly
that Defendants' objection to this sentence rests on Rule 403, it is also not well taken, as the information may be damaging to Defendants' case, but it is certainly not unfairly so in light	2.	8, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth	lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; hearsay not subject to any exception; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid.	Defendants apparently make a hearsay objection to El Fadl's statement that Morris Sadek distributed an Arabic translation of the Film in September. However, experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th) Cir. 2010, citing Fed. R. Evid. 703. Here, El Fadl's statement related to the distribution of the film merely explains part of the basis on which his opinions rest; accordingly, it is admissible. Sentence 4: Similarly, here, Defendants apparently make a hearsay objection to El Fadl's statement that the Film was aired on an Egyptian television station. That statement is admissible for the same reasons set forth with respect to Defendants' objection to Sentences 2 and 3. Sentence 5: Here, Defendants' "speculation," "lack of personal knowledge," "hearsay," and "lack of foundation" objections are unmeritorious, for the same reasons set forth with respect to Defendants' objection to Sentences 2 and 3. To the extent that Defendants' objection to this sentence rests on Rule 403, it is also not well taken, as the information may be damaging to Defendants' case, but it is certainly not unfairly so in light
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1			of the ultimate consequences to Ms. Garcia as a result of the public's reaction to the Film.	
2 3 4 5 6 7			Sentences 6 and 7: Defendants apparently object to Sentences 6 and 7, which relay a summary of a Wall Street Journal article on which El-Fadl relied, on the basis of hearsay. This objection is unmeritorious for the same reasons set forth with respect to Defendants' objection to Sentences 2 and 3.	
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16			Sentences 8-12: Plaintiffs are unclear as to the basis of Defendants' objection to Sentence 8, in which El Fadl states that he personally observed news coverage of the Film that appeared on Arabic-language channels. These sentences are admissible pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 602 as the personal recollection and observations of El Fadl. To the extent that Defendants claim they include hearsay, that objection would be unmeritorious for the same reasons set forth with respect to Defendants' objection to Sentences 2 and 3.	
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Paragraph 8, fifth sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; improper expert opinion regarding the cause of protests in Cairo, Egypt.	Sentence 5: Here, Defendants object to El Fadl's opinion that the Film sparked protests in Egypt. Their "speculation," "lack of personal knowledge," "hearsay," and "lack of foundation" objections are unmeritorious; experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing Fed. R. Evid. 703. To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an	
27 28			"expert," Plaintiffs note that Defendants have made no 14 PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS BY GOOD	
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5 6 7		person of greater qualifications than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case.	
8 4. Paragraph 9, in its entirety.	Speculation; lacks foundation; lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; hearsay not subject to any exception; best evidence rule; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Plaintiffs are unclear as to the basis for Defendants' "speculation," "lack of foundation," "lack of foundation," "lack of personal knowledge," and "hearsay" objections, as paragraph 9 merely contains El Fadl's summary of media reports on which he relied in forming his opinion. Experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing Fed. R. Evid. 703. Defendants' "best evidence rule" objection is equally unmeritorious, as El-Fadl is providing his opinion on his personal knowledge, facts, and data of a type reasonably relied upon by experts in his field; accordingly, "[t]he best evidence rule is inapplicable." Cal. Dept. of Toxic Substances Control v. Interstate Non-Ferrous Corp., 298 F. Supp. 2d 930, 987 (E.D. Cal. 2003) (overruling "best evidence rule" objection to expert testimony). Finally, Plaintiff's are unclear why Defendants take the position that Rule 403 bars El Fadl from relating the official statement of the American Embassy in Cairo condemning the Film. The incendiary reaction to the Film that is the subject of the	OGI F
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7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	5.	Paragraph 10, in its entirety.	Lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; hearsay not subject to any exception; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Plaintiffs are unclear as to the basis for Defendants' "lack of foundation," "lack of personal knowledge," and "hearsay" objections, as paragraph 10 merely contains El Fadl's summary of media reports (related to the events that took place in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012) on which he relied in forming his opinion. Experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing Fed. R. Evid. 703. Defendants' Rule 403 objection is also unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film that many initially blamed for the Benghazi attacks may be detrimental to Defendants' case, but it is certainly not unfairly so in light of the death threats that Ms. Garcia has received from individuals all over the world, including in the Middle East.	
21 22 6. 23 24 25 26 27 28		Paragraph 11, in its entirety.	Lacks foundation; hearsay not subject to any exception; lacks personal knowledge; vague and ambiguous as to the terms "violence" and "dramatic	Plaintiffs are unclear as to the basis for Defendants' "lack of foundation," "hearsay," and "lack of personal knowledge," objections, as paragraph 11 merely contains El Fadl's observation of a matter of universal knowledge (see Fed. R. Evid. 201): that protests erupted worldwide against the Film starting around September of 2012. These are facts on which	

1 2 3 4			events"; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	he reasonably relied in forming his opinion. Experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay and other materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing Fed. R. Evid. 703.
5				Defendants' "vague and
6				ambiguous" objection is not well- taken, as they fail to explain how
7				the simple terms "violence" and "dramatic events" are susceptible
8				to more than one determination or are otherwise vague; this
9				essentially is a boilerplate objection and, therefore,
10				improper. See, e.g., Nesby v. City of Oakland, 2007 U.S. Dist.
11				Mar. 19, 2007) (rejecting
12				litigant's request to exclude evidence from declarations on
13				grounds of "vagueness" where court found that the supposedly
14				objectionable terms could be construed by looking at the
15				dictionary); cf. Bible v. Rio Props, Inc., 246 F.R.D. 614, 619
16				(C.D. Cal. 2007) (in context of discovery motion, ruling that
17				conclusory general or boilerplate objections such as "vague and
18			77	ambiguous" are improper where they do not provide enough
19				information as to allow court to ascertain objectionable nature of
20				the material objected to).
21				Defendants' Rule 403 objection is also unmeritorious. The
22				incendiary reaction to the Film that many initially blamed for the
23				Benghazi attacks may be detrimental to Defendants' case,
24				but it is certainly not unfairly so in light of the death threats that
25				Ms. Garcia has received from individuals all over the world.
26	7.	Paragraph	Lacks	Plaintiffs are unclear as to the basis for Defendants' "lack of
27		12, in its entirety, and Exhibit	foundation; hearsay not	foundation," "hearsay," and "lack of personal knowledge"
28		and Exhibit	subject to any	17 PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS BY GOOGLE INC. AND YOUTUBE, LLC TO EVIDENCE SUBMITIED
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13		В.	exception; lacks personal knowledge; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	objections, as paragraph 12 merely contains El Fadl's summary of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's statement condemning the Film, on which he relied in forming his opinion. Experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film that is the subject of Secretary Clinton's statement may be detrimental to Defendants' case, but it is certainly not unfairly so in light of the ultimate consequences to Ms. Garcia as a result of the public reaction (particularly in the Middle East) to the Film.	
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	8.	Paragraph 13, in its entirety, and Exhibit C.	Lacks foundation; hearsay not subject to any exception; lacks personal knowledge; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Plaintiffs are unclear as to the basis for Defendants' "lack of foundation," "hearsay," and "lack of personal knowledge" objections, as paragraph 13 merely contains El Fadl's summary of President Barack Obama's statement condemning the Film, on which he relied in forming his opinion. Experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film that is the subject of President Obama's statement may be detrimental to Defendants' case, but it is certainly not unfairly so in light of the ultimate	
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		consequences to Ms. Garcia as a result of the public reaction (particularly in the Middle East) to the Film.
9. Paraglia, in entire	ts lacks	Plaintiffs are unclear as to the basis for Defendants' "speculation," "lack of foundation," "lack of personal knowledge," and hearsay objections, as paragraph 14 merely contains El Fadl's summary of Egyptian cleric Ahmad Fouad Ashoush's fatwa against Ms. Garcia and others involved in the making of the Film, on which he relied in forming his opinion. Experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). Defendants' "best evidence rule" objection is equally unmeritorious, as El Fadl is providing his opinion on his personal knowledge, facts, and data of a type reasonably relied upon by experts in his field; accordingly, "[t]he best evidence rule is inapplicable." Cal. Dept. of Toxic Substances Control v. Interstate Non-Ferrous Corp., 298 F.Supp. 24 930, 987 (E.D. Cal. 2003) (overruling "best evidence rule" objection to expert testimony). Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film exemplified by the fatwa devastates Defendants' argument that Ms. Garcia is not in any imminent danger. But those facts, while prejudicial to Defendants case, are entirely fair to admit into evidence.
10. Paragra	n Speculation;	Plaintiffs are unclear as to the

3 4 5 6 7 8	3	15, in its entirety.	lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	basis for Defendants' "speculation," "lack of foundation," and "lack of personal knowledge" objections, as paragraph 15 merely contains El Fadl's summary of events publicized in the media worldwide following the issuance of the <i>fatwa</i> , on which he relied in forming his opinion. Experts are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
10 11 12 13 14				Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film exemplified by the <i>fatwa</i> devastates Defendants' argument that Ms. Garcia is not in any imminent danger. But those facts, while prejudicial to Defendants case, are entirely fair to admit into evidence.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	11.	Paragraph 15, third sentence and Exhibit D.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; exhibit not attached.	Defendants' "hearsay" objection to the contents of news reports about the <i>fatwa</i> lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
22 23 24 25 26 27	12.	Paragraph 15, fourth sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation; improper expert opinion regarding whether violence occurred.	To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an "expert," Plaintiffs note that Defendants have made no objection to the first six paragraphs of Dr. El Fadl's declaration, in which he sets forth his expert qualifications on the subjects of the law and culture of the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a
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1 2	G.		person of greater qualifications than Dr. El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As an expert, he is entitled to render his
3 4 5	34		opinion on the Film's relationship to the worldwide violence following its Arabiclanguage posting on YouTube. FED. R. EVID. 702.
6 13. 7 8 9 0 1 1 2 3 4	Paragraph 16, first and third sentences.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; lacks personal knowledge; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "hearsay" and "lacks personal knowledge" objections to El Fadl's statements pertaining to condemnation of the film by a Hezbollah leader and the reissuance of an Iranian fatwa against Salman Rushdie lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
			Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film exemplified by the <i>fatwa</i> devastates Defendants' argument that Ms. Garcia is not in any imminent danger. But those facts, while prejudicial to Defendants case, are entirely fair to admit into evidence.
14.	Paragraph 16, second sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation; improper expert opinion regarding the fatwa allegedly issued on the life of the actors in the film.	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections to El Fadl's opinion on the similarities between the <i>fatwa</i> on Salman Rushdie and the <i>fatwa</i> on Ms. Garcia lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any material reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
			To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an 21 PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS BY INC. AND YOUTUBE, LLC TO EVIDENCE STORY OF THE PROPERTY

Case 2:12-cv-0831 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	5-MWF-VBK	Document 29 File	"expert," Plaintiffs note that Defendants have made no objection to the first six paragraphs of El Fadl's declaration, in which he sets forth his expert qualifications on the subjects of the law and culture of the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a person of greater qualifications than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As an expert, he is entitled to render his opinion on the <i>fatwa</i> against Ms. Garcia. FED. R. EVID. 702.	:833
10 15. 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Paragraph 16, third sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; speculation; exhibit not attached.	Defendants' "hearsay" and "speculation" objections to ElFadl's statement pertaining to the reissuance of an Iranian fatwa against Salman Rushdie lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay is of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).	
18 16. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	Paragraph 16, fourth and fifth sentences.	Speculation; lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; improper legal conclusion; vague and ambiguous.	Defendants' "speculation," "lacks foundation," and "lacks personal knowledge," objections to El Fadl's opinion related to the fact that Ms. Garcia has been barred from entering international airports (a subject on which Ms. Garcia testified in her own declaration) and her designation as a high security risk, and her inability to travel, lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any material reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). Defendants' "improper legal	
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		conclusion" objection is also not well taken. First, El-Fadl does not make a legal conclusion: he states that Ms. Garcia's right to travel is "likely" impinged. And, Ms. Garcia offers corroborating evidence of this conclusion — in that, she was not even permitted to enter the La Guardia International Airport on September of 2012. Second, El Fadl is, among other things, a lawyer, and therefore entirely qualified to opine on the law, particularly in light of the fact that Ms. Garcia's right to travel is not a matter requiring an "ultimate legal conclusion" in this case. Defendants' "vague and ambiguous" objection also fails, as they do not explain at all how sentences 4 and 5 of paragraph 16 are either vague or ambiguous; this essentially is a boilerplate objection and, therefore, improper. See, e.g., Nesby v. City of Oakland, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22574, *4 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 19, 2007) (rejecting litigant's request to exclude evidence from
17 18 19		declarations on grounds of "vagueness" where court found that the supposedly objectionable terms could be construed by looking at the dictionary); cf.
20 21 22 23 24 25		Bible v. Rio Props, Inc., 246 F.R.D. 614, 619 (C.D. Cal. 2007) (in context of discovery motion, ruling that conclusory general or boilerplate objections such as "vague and ambiguous" are improper where they do not provide enough information as to allow court to ascertain objectionable nature of the material objected to).
26 17. Paragraph 17, fourth sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation; vague and	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections to El Fadl's opinion on the meaningfulness of a fatwa lack
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1 2 3 4 5	ambiguous.	merit. Here, El Fadl bases his opinion on his expertise in national security and terrorism issues; as an expert, he is entitled to base their opinions on any material reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
6		Defendants' "vague and ambiguous" objection also fails, as they do not explain at all how sentence 4 of paragraph 17 is either vague or ambiguous; this essentially is a boilerplate objection and, therefore, improper. See, e.g., Nesby v. City of Oakland, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22574, *4 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 19, 2007) (rejecting litigant's request to exclude evidence from declarations on grounds of "vagueness" where court found that the supposedly objectionable terms could be construed by looking at the dictionary); cf. Bible v. Rio Props, Inc., 246 F.R.D. 614, 619 (C.D. Cal. 2007) (in context of discovery motion, ruling that conclusory general or boilerplate objections such as "vague and ambiguous" are improper where they do not provide enough information as to allow court to ascertain objectionable nature of the material objected to).
17, 1	graph lacks foundation; improper legal conclusion; improper expert testimony regarding the danger to Plaintiff; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid.	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections to El Fadl's opinion on the grave danger that Ms. Garcia is in as the result of the <i>fatwa</i> lack merit. Here, El Fadl bases his opinion on his expertise in national security and terrorism issues; as an expert, he is entitled to base their opinions on any material reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).

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1 2 3 4 5			403).	Defendants' "improper legal conclusion" objection is also not well taken. First, El Fadl does not make a legal conclusion: he states that Ms. Garcia "is in grave danger" from the <i>fatwa</i> . To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an "expert," Plaintiffs note that
6 7 8 9 10 11 12				Defendants have made no objection to the first six paragraphs of El Fadl's declaration, in which he sets forth his expert qualifications on the subjects of the law and culture of the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a person of greater qualifications than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As an expert, he is entitled to render his opinion on the <i>fatwa</i> against Ms. Garcia. FED. R. EVID. 702.
14 15 16 17 18				Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film exemplified by the <i>fatwa</i> devastates Defendants' argument that Ms. Garcia is not in any imminent danger. But those facts, while prejudicial to Defendants case, are entirely fair to admit into evidence.
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	19.	Paragraph 17, sixth sentence.	Speculation; lacks foundation; improper expert testimony regarding unannounced or secretive calls by extremist or fanatic groups; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections to El Fadl's opinion on the grave danger that Ms. Garcia is in as the result of other extremist or fanatic groups seeking to harm Ms. Garcia lack merit. Here, El Fadl bases his opinion on his expertise in national security and terrorism issues; as an expert, he is entitled to base their opinions on any material reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9 th Cir. 2010, citing
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,		FED. R. EVID. 703).
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17		To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an "expert," Plaintiffs note that Defendants have made no objection to the first six paragraphs of El Fadl's declaration, in which he sets forth his expert qualifications on the subjects of the law and culture of the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a person of greater qualifications than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As an expert, he is entitled to render his opinion on the danger Ms. Garcia faces from extremist and fanatic groups in the Muslim world. FED. R. EVID. 702. Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The incendiary reaction to the Film exemplified by the fatwa and other documented threats against Ms. Garcia devastates Defendants' argument that Ms. Garcia is not in any imminent danger. But those facts, while prejudicial to Defendants case, are entirely fair to admit into
18 20. Parag 18, se senter 21 22 23 24	cond lacks	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objection to El Fadl's opinion on the centrality of Ms. Garcia's role in the Film lack merit. Here, El Fadl bases his statement on his personal observance of the Film and Ms. Garcia's appearance in it. As an expert, he is entitled to base his opinions on that personal observation. FED. R. EVID. 703.
25 26 27 28		Defendants' "vague and ambiguous" objection also fails, as they do not explain at all how sentence 2 of paragraph 18 is either vague or ambiguous; this essentially is a boilerplate 26 PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS BY GO
27		sentence 2 of paragraph 18 is either vague or ambiguous; this essentially is a boilerplate

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			improper. See, e.g., Nesby v. City of Oakland, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22574, *4 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 19, 2007) (rejecting litigant's request to exclude evidence from declarations on grounds of "vagueness" where court found that the supposedly objectionable terms could be construed by looking at the dictionary); cf. Bible v. Rio Props, Inc., 246 F.R.D. 614, 619 (C.D. Cal. 2007) (in context of discovery motion, ruling that conclusory, general or boilerplate objections such as "vague and ambiguous" are improper where they do not provide enough information as to allow court to ascertain objectionable nature of the material objected to).
12	Paragraph 18, fourth sentence.	Lacks personal knowledge; speculation; lacks foundation; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "lacks personal knowledge," "speculation," and "lacks foundation" objection to El Fadl's opinion on the fact that a controversy has arisen concerning whether the Film caused worldwide violence lack merit. Here, El Fadl bases his statement on his personal observance of the controversy. As an expert, he is entitled to base his opinions on that personal observation. FED. R. EVID. 703. Moreover, the existence of the controversy is a matter of near-universal knowledge. FED. R. EVID. 201. Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. It is unclear how the existence of a controversy about the connection between violence and the Film is prejudicial in any way: it is merely a controversy. Accordingly, Rule 403 does not bar its admission.

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1 22. 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 8 9	Paragraph 19, in its entirety.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; lacks foundation; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "hearsay" and "lacks foundation" objections to El Fadl's statement that news reports indicate that people have died in the violence allegedly sparked by the Film lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay or other materials relied upon are of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
			Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The violent worldwide reaction to the Film damages Defendants' argument that Ms. Garcia is not in any imminent danger. But the fact of that violence, while damaging to Defendants case, is entirely fair to admit into evidence.
23.	Paragraph 20, in its entirety.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "hearsay" objections to El Fadl's statement that news reports indicate that people have died in the violence allegedly sparked by the Film lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on hearsay, provided that the hearsay or other materials relied upon are of the type reasonably relied on by experts in that field. Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9 th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
			Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The violent worldwide reaction to the Film damages Defendants' argument that Ms. Garcia is not in any imminent danger. But the fact of that violence, while damaging to Defendants case, is entirely fair to admit into evidence.

24.	Paragraph 21, first sentence.	Speculation; lacks personal knowledge; lacks foundation; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation," "lacks personal knowledge," and "lacks foundation" objection to El Fadl's statement that Ms. Garcia's life has been forever changed lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field; here, he relies both on his personal observations (see Fed. R. Evid. 602) and the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions. See Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The damages Ms. Garcia has and will experience may hurt Defendants' case; they are, however, entirely fair to admit into evidence.
25.	Paragraph 21, second sentence.	Speculation; lacks personal knowledge; lacks foundation; improper legal conclusion; improper expert opinion regarding Plaintiff's ability to travel; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation," "lacks personal knowledge," and "lacks foundation" objection to El Fadl's statement that Ms. Garcia's inability to travel lacks merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field; here, he relies both on his personal observations (see Fed. R. Evid. 602) and the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions. See Heishman v. Avers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). Defendants' "improper legal conclusion" objection is also not well taken. First, El Fadl does not make a legal conclusion: he states that Ms. Garcia "cannot easily travel internationally." Second, El Fadl is, among other things, a lawyer, and therefore entirely qualified to opine on the

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1 2 3 4 5 6			law, particularly in light of the fact that Ms. Garcia's ease of travel is not a matter requiring an "ultimate legal conclusion" in this case. Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The damages Ms. Garcia has and will experience may hurt Defendants' case; they are, however, entirely fair to admit into evidence.	
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Paragraph 21, third sentence.	Speculation; lacks personal knowledge; lacks foundation; improper expert opinion regarding the world's view of Plaintiff; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation," "lacks personal knowledge," and "lacks foundation" objection to El Fadl's statement that Ms. Garcia's inability to travel ack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field; here, he relies on the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions. See Heishman v. Avers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an "expert," Plaintiffs note that Defendants have made no objection to the first six paragraphs of El Fadl's declaration, in which he sets forth his expert qualifications on the subjects of the law and culture of the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a person of greater qualifications than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As an expert, he is entitled to render his opinion on the danger Ms. Garcia faces from extremist and fanatic groups in the Muslim world. FED. R. EVID. 702. Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The damages Ms. Garcia has and will experience may hurt Defendants' 20 PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS BY	v GOOGLE
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27. Paragraph 21, fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences.	Speculation; lacks personal knowledge; lacks foundation; hearsay not subject to any exception; improper expert opinion regarding how the film and Plaintiff are universally; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation," "lacks personal knowledge," and "lacks foundation," and "hearsay" objections to El Fadl's statements that Ms. Garcia's statements have been controversial and that the Film is seen as an attack on Islam lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field, including hearsay; here, he relies on the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions, as well as his personal observation. See Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703); see also FED. R. EVID. 602. To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an "expert," Plaintiffs note that Defendants have made no objection to the first six paragraphs of El Fadl's declaration, in which he sets forth his expert qualifications on the subjects of the law and culture of the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a person of greater qualifications than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As an expert, he is entitled to render his opinion on perceptions of Ms. Garcia and the Film in the Muslim world. FED. R. EVID. 702. Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The fact that Ms. Garcia is viewed as the bringer of an attack on Islamic values and culture may hurt Defendants' case; it is, however, entirely fair to admit into

			evidence.
28.	Paragraph 21, seventh, eighth and ninth sentences.	Speculation; lacks personal knowledge; lacks foundation; improper legal conclusion; improper expert testimony regarding the danger to Plaintiff; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation," "lacks personal knowledge," and "lacks foundation," objections to El Fadl's statements that Ms. Garcia's public stand against the Film has protected her life and safety by giving her credibility lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field, including hearsay; here, he relies on the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions, as well as his personal knowledge of the manner in which her sincerity will be perceived among those extremist elements in the Muslim world who seek to harm her. See Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703); see also FED. R. EVID. 602.
			Defendants' "improper legal conclusion" objection is also not
			well taken. First, El Fadl does not make a legal conclusion: he states that Ms. Garcia's safety may currently be protected
			because she has taken a public stand against the Film. Second,
			El Fadl is, among other things, a lawyer, and therefore entirely qualified to opine on the law,
			particularly in light of the fact that the fact of Ms. Garcia's
			filing of this lawsuit is not a matter requiring an "ultimate legal conclusion" in this case.
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11				the Middle East, Islamic law, and terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a person of greater qualifications than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As an expert, he is entitled to render his opinion on the current danger to Ms. Garcia from extremists in the Muslim world, and how the steps Ms. Garcia is taking may ameliorate that danger. FED. R. EVID. 702. Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The fact that Ms. Garcia's safety may be somewhat protected, for now, as a result of her public stand against the Film may hurt Defendants' case; it is, however, entirely fair to admit into evidence.	
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	29.	Paragraph 22, in its entirety.	Relevance; lacks personal knowledge; speculation; improper expert testimony regarding personal opinion of film; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	objection is not well taken. Every sentence in paragraph 22 pertains to Ms. Garcia, her involuntary insertion into a dangerous international controversy due to Defendants' actions, the bigoted nature of the Film, Defendants' public claims not to support "hate speech," and worldwide reaction to the Film relates directly to the matters at issue in Plaintiff's motion for an injunction. Defendants' "lacks personal knowledge" and "speculation" objections to paragraph 22 also lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field, including hearsay; here, he relies on the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions. See Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID.	RV GOOGL S
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20 30. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Paragraph 22, third, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth sentences.	Speculation; lacks foundation; improper legal conclusion; improper expert opinion regarding personal opinion of film; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections to sentences 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9 of paragraph 22 lack merit. Sentence 3 and 5 merely set forth El Fadl's expert opinion that the Film is hate speech. Sentences 7-9 set forth, as a matter of personal observation, the likely effect on a viewer of the Film, as well as YouTube's documented hypocrisy in refusing to remove it. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base opinions such as these on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field,
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1 2 3 4		including hearsay; here, he relies on the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions. See Heishman v. Avers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).
5 6 7 8 9		Defendants' "improper legal conclusion" objection is also not well taken. El Fadl is, among other things, a lawyer, and therefore entirely qualified to opine on the law, particularly the fact that the Film is hate speech; at any rate, in light of the fact that this is a lawsuit arising in copyright, the hate speech issue is not a matter requiring an "ultimate legal conclusion" in this case.
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31.	Paragraph 22, sixth sentence.	Hearsay not subject to any exception; lacks foundation; lacks personal knowledge; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "hearsay," "lacks foundation," and "lacks personal knowledge" objections to sentence 6 of paragraph 22 lack merit. Sentence 6 merely sets forth the fact that world leaders have condemned the Film and, as such, explains one of the bases for El Fadl's opinions. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base opinions such as these on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field, including hearsay; here, he relies on the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions. See Heishman v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9th Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703). Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The fact that YouTube has acted hypocritically in claiming not to support hate speech, while the universal condemnation of the Film may hurt Defendants' case, it is entirely fair to admit into evidence.
1	Paragraph 23, in its entirety.	Speculation; lacks foundation; vague and ambiguous; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation," objections to paragraph 23 lack merit. Paragraph 23 simply states El Fadl's opinion that a person who understood the likely consequences of appearing in the Film probably would not have done so, and that Ms. Garcia's public stand against the Film has, for now, protected her life against extremists in the Muslim world who wish to harm her. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base opinions such as these on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field, including hearsay; here, he relies on the many materials cited

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23 33. Paragraph 24 23, fifth sentence. 25 26 27	Improper legal conclusion.	Defendants' "improper legal conclusion" objection fails. In the fifth sentence of paragraph 23, El Fadl opines that the fact of Ms. Garcia's filing this lawsuit may have temporarily ameliorated some threats to her safety. That is not a legal conclusion.
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20		Defendants' "vague and ambiguous" objection also fails, as they do not explain at all how paragraph 24 is either vague or ambiguous; this essentially is a boilerplate objection and, therefore, improper. See, e.g., Nesby v. City of Oakland, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22574, *4 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 19, 2007) (rejecting litigant's request to exclude evidence from declarations on grounds of "vagueness" where court found that the supposedly objectionable terms could be construed by looking at the dictionary); cf. Bible v. Rio Props, Inc., 246 F.R.D. 614, 619 (C.D. Cal. 2007) (in context of discovery motion, ruling that conclusory, general or boilerplate objections such as "vague and ambiguous" are improper where they do not provide enough information as to allow court to ascertain objectionable nature of the material objected to). Finally, Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. That Ms. Garcia was involuntarily inserted into a dangerous international controversy (one which Defendants are perpetuating by refusing to remove the Film from YouTube) may hurt Defendants' case; however, it is entirely fair to admit into evidence.
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	ourth lacks	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections to the third and fourth sentences of paragraph 24 lack merit. Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied on by experts in that field, including hearsay; here, he relies on the many materials cited throughout his declaration supporting his opinions, as well as his demonstrated legal expertise.
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1				See Heishman, v. Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9" Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).	
2				Defendants' "improper legal conclusion" objection is also not well taken. El Fadl is, among	
4				other things, a lawyer, and	
5				therefore entirely qualified to note the existence of anti- blasphemy laws and the manner	
6				in which they may be enforced. At any rate, in light of the fact	
7				that this is a lawsuit arising in copyright, the British blasphemy	
8				"ultimate legal conclusion" in this case.	
10 11				Finally, Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. That Ms. Garcia may face	
12 13				additional imminent damage (due to Defendants' refusal to remove the Film from YouTube) may	
14			-	hurt Defendants' case; however, it is entirely fair to admit into evidence.	
15	36.	Paragraph.	Speculation;	Defendants' "speculation" and	
16 17		25, second and third sentences.	lacks foundation; improper expert	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections to the second and third sentences of paragraph 25 both lack merit.	
18			testimony regarding the "heart" of the	Experts such as El Fadl are entitled to base their opinions on any materials reasonably relied	
19			work and the cause of outrage	on by experts in that field; here, he relies on his personal	
20 			in the world; probative value	observation of the Film (admissible under FED. R. EVID.	
22			outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid.	602), the various materials referenced throughout his declaration, and his demonstrated	
23			403).	expertise in the culture and law of the Middle East, Islamic law.	
24				Ayers, 621 F.3d 1030, 1042 (9 th	
25				Cir. 2010, citing FED. R. EVID. 703).	
26				To the extent that Defendants claim that El Fadl is not an	
27				"expert," Plaintiffs note that Defendants have made no	
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4		terrorism at great length. Indeed, it would be hard to imagine a
5		person of greater qualifications
3		than El Fadl to render expert testimony in this case. As a
6		viewer of the Film, he is well
7		able to testify as to his personal
/		observation of the Film's message (see FED. R. EVID. 602);
8		as an expert, he is entitled to
9		render his opinion on the likely
9		incitement effect on viewers of the film in the Muslim world.
10		FED. R. EVID. 702.
11		Finally, Defendants' Rule 403
12		objection also is unmeritorious.
		That Ms. Garcia may be in more danger than other actors in the
13		Film due to the fact that she was
14		made to appear to be the person accusing Mohammed of being a
		child molester may hurt
15		Defendants' argument that she is
16		not in imminent enough danger to deserve the protection of an
17		fair to admit into evidence.
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VI. Defendants' Objections to the Declaration of M. Cris Armenta

22 23	No.	Material Objected To	Ground(s) for Objection	Plaintiff's Response		
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25	1.	Paragraph 2, in its	Relevance;	Defendants' "relevance" argument should fail. Ms.		
25			probative value	Armenta's testimony of her		
26		entirety.	outweighed by unfair prejudice	personal experiences at the Los		
27			(Fed. R. Evid. 403).	Angeles Superior Court are directly relevant to the issue of		
28			105).	whether Ms. Garcia (and those		
20	l			41 PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTION		

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			affiliated with her) is in imminent
1			danger for her life and safety.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8			Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The serious danger that Ms. Garcia is in, as evaluated by law enforcement professionals, may hurt Defendants' argument that she is not in imminent enough danger to deserve the protection of an injunction; however, it is entirely fair to admit into evidence.
9 2. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Paragraph 2, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sentences.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	Ms. Armenta's relation of her conversation with law enforcement professionals at the Los Angeles Superior Court is not hearsay because it is not offered for the truth of the matter asserted (FED. R. EVID. 801(c)(2)); rather, it is offered to show the effect on the listener. Here, the effect on Ms. Armenta (and Ms. Garcia) was to take numerous security measures and warn local law enforcement authorities of threats to her safety and to the safety of Ms. Garcia. Accordingly, it is admissible.
3. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Paragraph 3, in its entirety.	Relevance; hearsay not subject to any exception.	Defendants' "relevance" argument should fail. Ms. Armenta's testimony of defense counsel's decision to "blame the victim" rather than to take any responsibility for their own actions raises serious issues pertaining to Defendants' culpability. Moreover, defense counsel's query as to whether Ms. Garcia had signed a release related to her dramatic performance is a legal issue at the heart of Ms. Garcia's request for an injunction. Accordingly, it is relevant.
8	***		The conversations with counsel for YouTube, and Mr. Alger's and Ms. Armenta's statements, PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS BY G
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1 2 3				are not hearsay under Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d), which states that prior statements of the declarant-witness or of an opposing party are not hearsay.
4 5 6 7 8	4.	Paragraph 3, second and third sentences.	Speculation; lacks foundation.	Defendants' "speculation" and "lacks foundation" objections fail; the second and third sentences of paragraph 3 simply relate the details of a conversation between counsel, a conversation in which Ms. Armenta personally participated.
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	5.	Paragraph 4, in its entirety.	Relevance; hearsay not subject to any exception; misrepresents Defendants' position.	Defendants' "relevance" argument should fail. Ms. Armenta's testimony pertaining to Ms. Garcia's multiple attempts to use YouTube's published procedures to obtain removal of the Film raises serious issues pertaining to Defendants' culpability for copyright infringement and Ms. Garcia's right to have the Film taken down. This issue is at the heart of Ms. Garcia's request for an injunction. Accordingly, it is relevant. The October 2, 2012, conversation between Ms. Armenta and defense counsel is not hearsay under Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d), which states that prior statements of the declarant-witness or of an opposing party are not hearsay. Defendants' objection that paragraph 4 "misrepresents" their position is a matter that goes to the weight of the evidence, not its admissibility.
25 26 27 28	6.	Paragraph 5, in its entirety.	Relevance; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403);	Defendants' "relevance" argument should fail. Ms. Armenta's testimony pertaining to Defendants' refusal to believe that Ms. Garcia never signed a release of the copyright to her
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6 7 8 9 10				Defendants' Rule 403 objection also is unmeritorious. The facts set forth in paragraph 5 indicate that Defendants have been aware for a very long time that Ms. Garcia never signed away her rights, and therefore was entitled to have the Film taken down. While this fact may hurt Defendants' case, it is entirely fair to admit into evidence.	
12 13 14				Defendants' objection that paragraph 5 "misrepresents" their position is a matter that goes to the weight of the evidence, not its admissibility.	
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	7.	Paragraph 6, second sentence.	Relevance; hearsay not subject to any exception; misrepresents Defendants' position	Defendants' "relevance" argument should fail. Ms. Armenta's testimony pertaining to Defendants' belated claim that the Film is a "joint work" raises serious issues pertaining to Defendants' culpability for copyright infringement and Ms. Garcia's right to have the Film taken down. This issue is at the heart of Ms. Garcia's request for an injunction. Accordingly, it is relevant. The October 4, 2012, conversation between Ms. Armenta and defense counsel is not hearsay under Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d), which states that prior statements of the declarant-witness or of an opposing party are not hearsay.	
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			paragraph 6 "misrepresents" their position is a matter that goes to the weight of the evidence, not its admissibility.
8.	Paragraph 8, in its entirety, and Exhibit B.	Relevance	Defendants' "relevance" argument should fail. Defendant YouTube's stated position that it will remove hate speech from its Website, which stands in stark contrast to its refusal to remove the Film even after being informed that it was hate speech, raises serious issues pertaining to Ms. Garcia's right to have the Film taken down. This issue is at the heart of Ms. Garcia's request for an injunction. Accordingly, it is relevant.
9.	Paragraph 9, in its entirety, and Exhibit C.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	Paragraph 9 consists of a statement by Defendant Google's Chairman, Eric Schmidt, discussing the Film. His statement is admissible as an admission of a party opponent pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d)(2)(A)-(D).
10.	Paragraph 10, in its entirety.	Speculation; lacks foundation; relevance; probative value outweighed by unfair prejudice (Fed. R. Evid. 403).	The purchase price between Google and YouTube is a matter that has been admitted numerous times by the Defendants and is even contained in the Second Circuit opinion between these Defendants and Viacom International. Plaintiff has provided the Court with a copy of this opinion. See Declaration of M. Cris Armenta, Ex. D at Page 12.
	-1		Defendants' "relevance" argument should fail. Defendant YouTube's acknowledgement, authenticated by counsel in a case before the Second Circuit, that it would lose a great deal of money if it removed copyrighted content from its site explains why Defendants refuse to remove the Film (given the tens of millions

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22 23 24 25 26 27 28	13.	Paragraph 11, third, fourth and fifth sentences.	Hearsay not subject to any exception.	Sentences 3-5 of Paragraph 11 relate a conversation between Ms. Armenta and counsel for Defendant Youssef (a/k/a Bacile, a/k/a Bakoula). The content of that conversation is not hearsay under Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d), which states that prior statements of the declarant-witness or of an opposing party are not hearsay.	
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VII. Defendants' Objections to the Declaration of David Hardy

Defendants object to Mr. Hardy's declaration in its entirety, including exhibits, on relevance grounds, asserting that the DMCA is an affirmative defense to monetary relief against a service provider and therefore not pertinent to this motion, which seeks an injunction. Notably, it is the Defendants themselves who have claimed that they are entitled to a "safe harbor" defense under the DMCA. (See Declaration of M. Cris Armenta at ¶ 2.)

Defendants further object to the declaration and exhibits, in their entirety, on hearsay grounds. Defendants are entirely wrong. Mr. Hardy's declaration consists almost entirely of relating his communications with various representatives of Defendant YouTube. Those are not hearsay under Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d), which states that prior statements of the declarant-witness or of an opposing party are not hearsay.

Dated: November 5, 2012

THE ARMENTA LAW FIRM, A.P.C.

Cris Armenta

Attorneys for Cindy Lee Garcia

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS BY GOOGLE INC. AND YOUTUBE, LLC TO EVIDENCE SUBMITTED CVI2-8315 MWF (VBKx)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over

the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action. My business address

is 11900 Olympic Boulevard, Suite 730, Los Angeles, California 90064.

On November 5, 2012 I served the following document(s) described as:

- (1) REPLY MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND ORDER OF IMPOUNDMENT; DECLARATION OF M. CRIS ARMENTA IN SUPPORT THEREOF (filed separately);
- (2) PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS BY GOOGLE, INC. AND YOUTUBE LLC TO EVIDENCE SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INUNCTION AND ORDER OF IMPOUNDMENT (filed separately);
- (3) PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS TO EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY GOOGLE INC., AND YOUTUBE, LLC. IN OPPOSITION BRIEF TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND ORDER OF IMPOUNDMENT (filed separately);
- (4) [PROPOSED] ORDER SUSTAINING PLAINTIFF'S OBECTIONS TO EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY GOOGLE, INC., AND YOUTUBE LLC IN OPPOSITION BRIEF TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INUNCTION AND AN ORDER OF IMPOUNDMENT (lodged separately)

on the interested parties in this action by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

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I, Mark Basseley Youssef, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called upon, could and would testify competently thereto under oath.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true, correct, and complete copy of the Personal Release and Cast Deal Memo signed by Cindy Lee Garcia in connection with the film Desert Warriors. I personally provided this document to Ms. Garcia on August 9, 2011 and she filled it out and signed it in my presence on that day before commencing work on the film. The only writing on this document that is not that of Ms. Garcia is "Matthew Metta," next to Sam Bessi, on pages 1 and 3 of the document. That writing is mine.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 27 day of November, 2012, at Los Angeles, California.

Mark Basseley Youssel

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DECLARATION OF MARK BASSELEY YOUSSEF

EXHIBIT "A"

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Release #1

Cast Deal Memo

This memo outlines terms of the agreement between MM.
Quies Good Time LLC. and Chay Barcia
(hereinafter "Producer") related to the production of
Dizgohocopda (hereinafter "Motion Picture.")
1. Services:
Outlined in Appendix A. agrees to perform the services
2. Compensation:
Subject to the rest of the terms of this agreement, and upon satisfactory completion of the services outlined in Appendix A, Producer agrees to compensate at the rate and time designated in Appendix B.
3. Employment Status: [Independent Contractor]
is an independent contractor, who is not required to work exclusively for Producer now or in the future, and who, as a professional, is expected to complete the assignment without supervision or training. No fringe benefits or overtime compensation will be provided and the contractor is solely responsible for all income, self-employment and other taxes due upon this income received in conjunction with the services rendered under this agreement. The contractor is not entitled to collect unemployment compensation under this agreement.
4. Assignment of Rights
assigns to producer all rights
assigns to producer arrangement
necessary for the development, production and exploitation of the Motion Picture, whether denominated copyrights,
performance rights, or publicity rights, including the right
to reasonable use of his/her name and likeness in conjunction
with the development, production and exploitation of the
Motion Picture, and waives any right to sue Producer over
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[warrants to Producer that all

writing submitted for the Motion Picture is his own original
work. The parties agree the script and all revisions of the
script of the film are "works made for hire" as defined under
article 101 of Title 17 of the U.S. Code. If for any reason
the script should be determined to not be a "work made for hire," assigns all rights he may have
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5. Credits:
Producer agrees to provide the following credits: Sam Bessi (matthew matta) 8 9 11
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Appendix A:
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Appendix B: Describe Compensation Rate

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I, Pamela Villeral, declare,

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I am employed in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 1888 Century Park East, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90067-1721. On the date signed below, I served the documents named below on the parties in this action as follows:

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Upon the parties named below as follows: (See attached service list.)

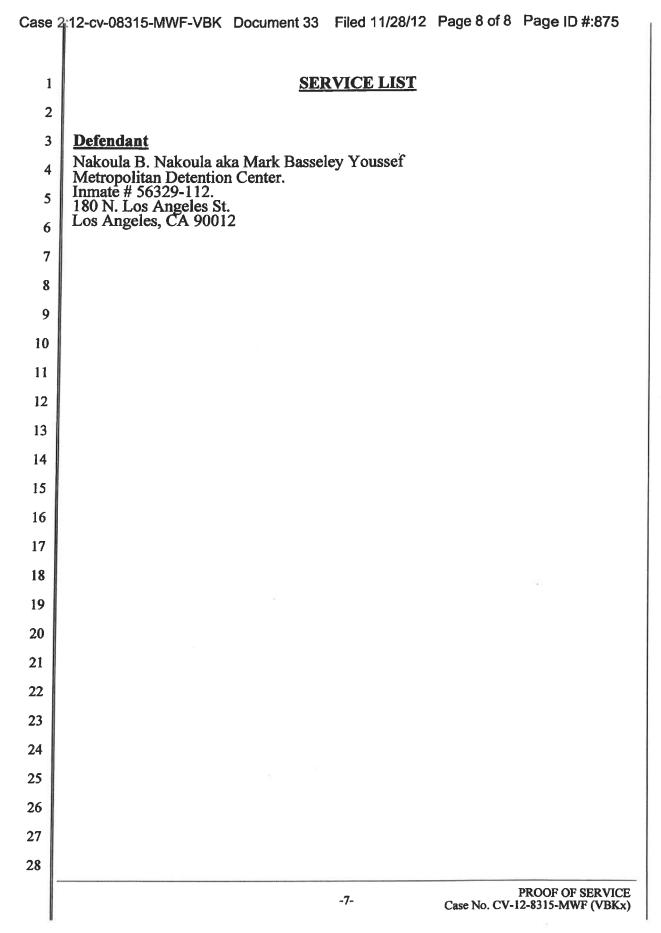
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Executed on November 28, 2012, at Los Angeles, California.

Pamela Villeral

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DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY L. ALGER

I, Timothy L. Alger, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law before the courts of the State of California and this Court. I am a partner at Perkins Coie LLP, and lead counsel in this action for defendants Google Inc. and YouTube, LLC (collectively, the "YouTube Defendants"). I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called upon, could and would testify competently thereto under oath.
- 2. Submitted concurrently with this declaration is the Declaration of Mark Basseley Youssef, with a copy of the Personal Release and Cast Deal Memo ("Release") completed and signed by Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia in connection with the film Desert Warriors attached as Exhibit 1. The Release has been redacted by my office so the public court file will not contain Ms. Garcia's telephone number and Social Security number.
- 3. The original Release is in my possession, with the permission of Mr. Youssef.
- 4. This declaration is intended to provide the Court with additional, potentially dispositive, evidence relating to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction, and an explanation as to why this evidence is being submitted at this time.
- 5. On November 16, 2012, at my request, Mr. Youssef's criminal attorney, Steven Seiden, obtained from Mr. Youssef's family a copy of the Release, and he immediately provided it to me. I then did two things: First, I confirmed that the telephone number on the Release was that of Ms. Garcia, which was easily accomplished because Ms. Garcia includes her phone number in her public Facebook profile. Second, I asked an investigator to check public records to determine the name of the holder of the Social Security number on the release. He informed me that the holder of that number is Cindy Lee Garcia.

1	6. After receiving this information, I sent a copy of the Release by email
3	on November 18, 2012 to Cris Armenta, Ms. Garcia's attorney, and suggested that
3	her client voluntarily dismiss this action. After not hearing anything from Ms.
5	Armenta for several days, I called and left a phone message for her making the
5	same suggestion on November 21, 2012.
7	7. Ms. Armenta responded to my communications by email on Monday,
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- 7. Ms. Armenta responded to my communications by email on Monday, November 26, 2012. On that day, and in several subsequent emails, Ms. Armenta has expressed doubt that the Release is genuine.
- 8. In light of the communications from Ms. Armenta, I made arrangements to visit Mr. Youssef, and I did so with Mr. Seiden on Tuesday afternoon, November 27, 2012 at the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") in downtown Los Angeles. Mr. Youssef is in the Special Housing Unit at MDC, segregated from the main population and unable to visit with family or friends. During our visit, Mr. Youssef reviewed the Release (in an unredacted form) attached as Exhibit 1, and executed the Declaration.
- 9. The Release is dated August 9, 2011. The document: (1) grants to "Sam Bessi," a name Mr. Youssef has used in the past, and a production entity called "Matthew Metta," the right to photograph and record Ms. Garcia; (2) releases all claims for invasion of privacy, right of publicity; and (3) assigns to "M.M." "all rights necessary for the development, production and exploitation of the Motion Picture, whether denominated copyrights, performance rights, or publicity rights " (See Youssef Decl., Exh. 1.)
- 10. During our visit, Mr. Youssef provided to me additional information that is relevant to the pending Motion. Given the restrictions in the Special Housing Unit at MDC, we were unable to prepare a new declaration during our visit, but Mr. Youssef said he would testify to the following: That Ms. Garcia worked for two hours on a single day, filming her brief appearances in the movie,

and was paid \$75.00. Later, he said, Ms. Garcia was called back and worked about one additional hour, re-recording her lines because the quality of the sound captured during the filming was poor, and she was paid an additional \$100.00.

- 11. Mr. Youssef said that while other people assisted with the direction and production of the film, it was his creation, and he retains control over the film. He told me that his son uploaded both the English language and Arabic versions of the trailer for the film, now entitled Innocence of Muslims, to YouTube at his request. Mr. Youssef said he believes in the message contained in the film and he does not want the trailer to be removed from YouTube.
- 12. On the night of Tuesday, November 27, 2012, after my visit at MDC with Mr. Youssef, I met with Mr. Youssef's son in southern Los Angeles County. He brought with him a binder, about four inches thick, containing contracts relating to the film, including releases by other actors identical in form to that which was signed by Ms. Garcia. He provided me with the original Release executed by Ms. Garcia, which I promised to return following the conclusion of these proceedings.
- 13. I would also like to take this opportunity to correct factual inaccuracies in declarations filed by Plaintiff. First, in the Declaration of M. Cris Armenta [Dkt. No. 14-3], paragraph 6, Plaintiff's counsel asserts that she was told during a meet-and-confer on October 4, 2012 that the YouTube defendants considered the Innocence of Muslims film to be a "joint work" under the Copyright Act. Ms. Armenta repeats this assertion (with a date of October 5, 2012) in a supplemental declaration filed in conjunction with Plaintiff's Reply Brief [Dkt. No. 27], at paragraph 8. These statements are incorrect. I informed Ms. Armenta that it was YouTube's position that Ms. Garcia had no copyright interest in the film at all, and even if Ms. Garcia asserted that she was a joint author, her claims against the YouTube Defendants failed because the film was posted on YouTube by Mr. Youssef, who had the right under Copyright Act to do so, without seeking Ms.

Garcia's consent.

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14. At various points in Plaintiff's briefing, in the Armenta Declaration [Dkt. No. 14-3 at ¶ 7], and throughout the David Hardy Declaration [Dkt. No. 14-2], Plaintiff suggests that there was ambiguity, uncertainty, or "discussions" between the YouTube Defendants and Plaintiff's counsel or representatives regarding the possibility that the film would be removed from the YouTube service. This is also incorrect. I made clear to Ms. Armenta, starting with our first telephone communications immediately after I was retained on September 18, 2012, when she informed me of Plaintiff's plan to file an ex parte application in Superior Court for a temporary restraining order, that the YouTube Defendants would not remove the film at Plaintiff's demand.

15. Finally, Ms. Armenta suggests in paragraphs 8 and 9 of her supplemental declaration that she delayed filing an application for temporary restraining order because I would not be available between October 11 and 16, 2012. This is also incorrect. Ms. Armenta first informed me that she intended to seek a temporary restraining order ex parte when this action was filed in federal court on September 26, 2012. I made sure during the following two weeks to be available for any briefing and/or court appearances relating to such an application. We met-and-conferred about Plaintiff's application on October 4, 2012, on short notice. As time passed, without any filing by Plaintiff, I ultimately inquired of Ms. Armenta about her timing, and suggested by email on October 10, 2012 that Plaintiff file a noticed motion, which would seem to be more appropriate given that the film had been publicly available at Youtube.com since July. I also informed her that I had a commitment outside the country October 12 (Friday) to October 15 (Monday), and, if necessary, I would seek an extension from the Court for any response if Plaintiff filed an ex parte application during my absence. There is no basis for any

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8	/s/ Timothy L. Alger Timothy L. Alger
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6	Executed this 28th day of November, 2012, at Palo Alto, California.
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3	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the
2	the YouTube Defendants.
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I, Pamela Villeral, declare,

I am employed in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 1888 Century Park East, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90067-1721. On the date signed below, I served the documents named below on the parties in this action as follows:

DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY L. ALGER

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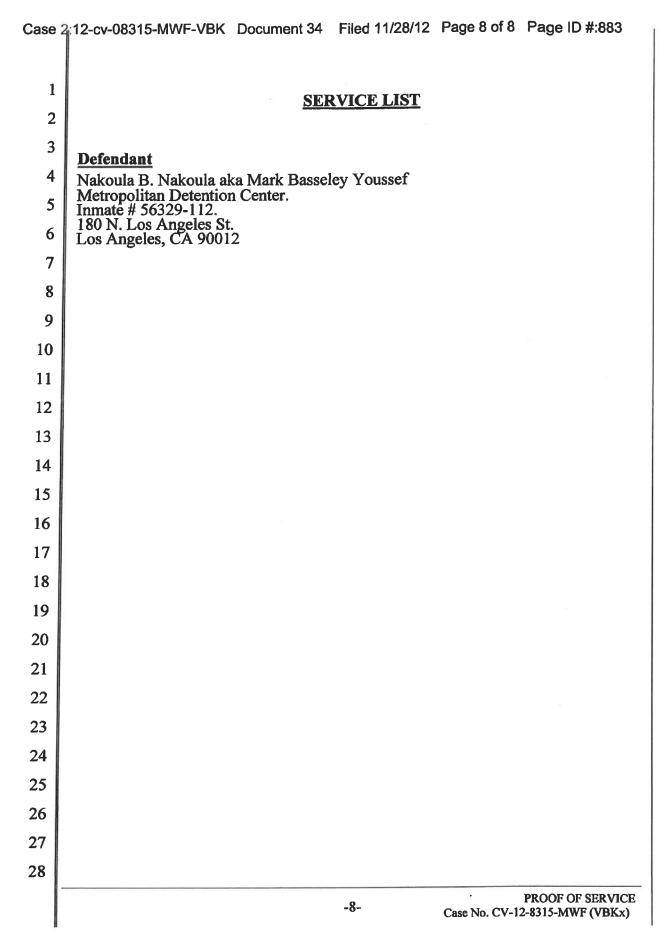
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Case 2:12 cv-08315-MWF-VBK Document 35 Filed 11/29/12 Page 2 of 3 Page ID #:885 1 Pursuant to Local Rule 7-8 of the Central District of California, Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia 2 hereby requests that she be permitted to cross-examine Mark Basseley Youssef and Tim Alger. Their declarations were submitted to the Court on November 28, 2012 at 6:24 p.m. PST, five days 3 before the scheduled hearing on December 3, 2012. Despite the lack of fairness to Plaintiff due to 4 the delay of the Defendants, Plaintiff is willing to cross-examine both of these declarants on 5 6 Monday, December 3, 2012. Since Mr. Alger will be present in Court, he will clearly be with the 7 subpoena power of the Court. Since Mr. Youssef is residing four blocks away from the courthouse at the Metropolitan Detention Center and is in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, he 8 9 is also within the Court's grasp. Plaintiff does not seek any further delay of this hearing and objects to any delay 10 11 occasioned by the untimely filing of Defendants. Pursuant to Local Rule 7-8, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter the order described 12 13 therein. Since both declarants are within the Court's subpoena power, the Defendants may not object to the Court's order under this Rule.

THE ARMENTA LAW FIRM, A.P.C. Dated: November 29, 2012

M. Cris Armenta Attorneys for Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia

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Defendants Google Inc. and YouTube, LLC (collectively the "YouTube Defendants") hereby object to Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia's Notice of Request Under Central District Local Rule 7-8 to Cross-Examine Declarants Submitted by Defendants Google Inc. and YouTube, LLC. [Dkt. No. 35.]

I. ARGUMENT

A. Timothy L. Alger

There is no justification for cross-examination of Timothy L. Alger, the YouTube Defendants' lead attorney in this matter. Examining opposing counsel in connection with pending litigation is disfavored. "The practice of forcing trial counsel to testify as a witness . . . has long been discouraged, and recognized as disrupting the adversarial nature of our judicial system." Shelton v. American Motors Corp., 805 F.2d 1323, 1327 (8th Cir. 1986) (internal citations omitted) (quoting Hickman v. Taylor, 329 U.S. 495, 513 (1947) (stating that such examinations cause "the standards of the profession [to] suffer")). Because of the potential for abuse, the examination of an opponent's attorney is permitted in rare circumstances, and only after it is shown by the requesting party to be both proper and necessary. American Cas. Co. of Reading, Pa. v. Krieger, 160 F.R.D. 582, 588 (S.D. Cal. 1995). "Courts have reached this conclusion even where it is clear that the attorney is a witness to relevant, nonprivileged events and/or conversations." Id.

The Eighth Circuit articulated a test that has been used by courts throughout the nation, including by courts within this Circuit, limiting depositions of opposing counsel to those rare situations where: (1) no other means exist to obtain the information, (2) the information sought is relevant and nonprivileged, and (3) the information is crucial to the preparation of the case. *Shelton*, 805 F.2d at 1327; *see also Doubleday v. Ruh*, 149 F.R.D. 601, 613 (E.D. Cal. 1993) (noting the frequency with which this test is applied).

Plaintiff cannot meet these standards, and she does not even attempt to do so in her Notice.

First, there are alternative ways to obtain the information in Mr. Alger's declaration. Plaintiff does not identify what information she is seeking to obtain by cross-examining Mr. Alger, but her counsel has stated, both in communications with Mr. Alger and to various public media outlets, that Plaintiff challenges the authenticity of the Personal Release and Cast Deal Memo ("Release") signed by Plaintiff, in which she assigns "all rights necessary for the development, production and exploitation of the Motion Picture, whether denominated copyrights, performance rights, or publicity rights . . ." (Declaration of Timothy L. Alger [Dkt. No. 34] ¶ 7.)

Any examination regarding the authenticity of the Release, however, is best directed to Plaintiff herself, who appears to have signed the Release and included in it her personal phone number and Social Security number, and to Defendant Youssef or others who worked on the film and witnessed Plaintiff's signing of the Release. Mr. Alger has no personal knowledge about the authenticity of the Release. The primary purpose behind Mr. Alger's declaration was to explain why the release was submitted to the Court at this time, and how it came into Mr. Alger's possession. (Alger Decl. ¶ 4.)

Second, Plaintiff's failure to identify any information she hopes to obtain by cross-examining Mr. Alger makes it impossible for the Court to make a finding that it is "relevant and nonprivileged." Whenever opposing counsel in litigation is subject to examination, there is a substantial risk that the questioning will cross into privileged territory, imposing substantial burden on the litigants and the Court. As the *Shelton* court observed:

Taking the deposition of opposing counsel not only disrupts the adversarial system and lowers the standards of the profession, but it also adds to the already burdensome time and costs of litigation. It is not hard to

imagine additional pretrial delays to resolve work-product and attorney-client objections, as well as delays to resolve collateral issues raised by the attorney's testimony. Finally, the practice of deposing opposing counsel detracts from the quality of client representation. Counsel should be free to devote his or her time and efforts to preparing the client's case without fear of being interrogated by his or her opponent. Moreover, the 'chilling effect' that such practice will have on the truthful communications from the client to the attorney is obvious.

Shelton, 805 F.3d at 1327.

Any questioning of Mr. Alger beyond the facts already stated under oath in his declaration will undoubtedly delve into subject matter protected by the work product doctrine and/or attorney client privilege, which are not the proper subject of cross-examination.

Third, Plaintiff has failed to establish that *any* information contained in Mr. Alger's declaration is crucial to the preparation of the case. Obtaining further detail through cross-examination about the timing of the submission to the Court, which was the primary purpose of Mr. Alger's declaration, is by no means crucial to Plaintiff's preparation of her case. Witness examination regarding the authenticity of the Release, which might, indeed, go to the heart of Plaintiff's case, should involve those who worked on the film, including Plaintiff, Mr. Youssef, and others—not the YouTube Defendants' counsel.

B. Mark Basseley Youssef

The YouTube Defendants take no position regarding Plaintiff's request to cross-examine Mark Basseley Youssef. However, as explained in Mr. Alger's declaration, Mr. Youssef is currently detained at the Metropolitan Detention Facility ("MDC") in downtown Los Angeles. He is in the Special Housing Unit at MDC and is segregated from the main population. Due to Mr. Youssef's detention, he is not "reasonably available" to the YouTube Defendants, though he may be otherwise available to the Court. See L.R. 7-8. Notwithstanding Mr. Youssef's availability, the Court should consider his declaration and the Release attached as

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OBJECTIONS OF GOOGLE INC. AND YOUTUBE, LLC TO PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF REQUEST UNDER CENTRAL DISTRICT LOCAL RULE 7-8 TO CROSS-EXAMINE DECLARANTS

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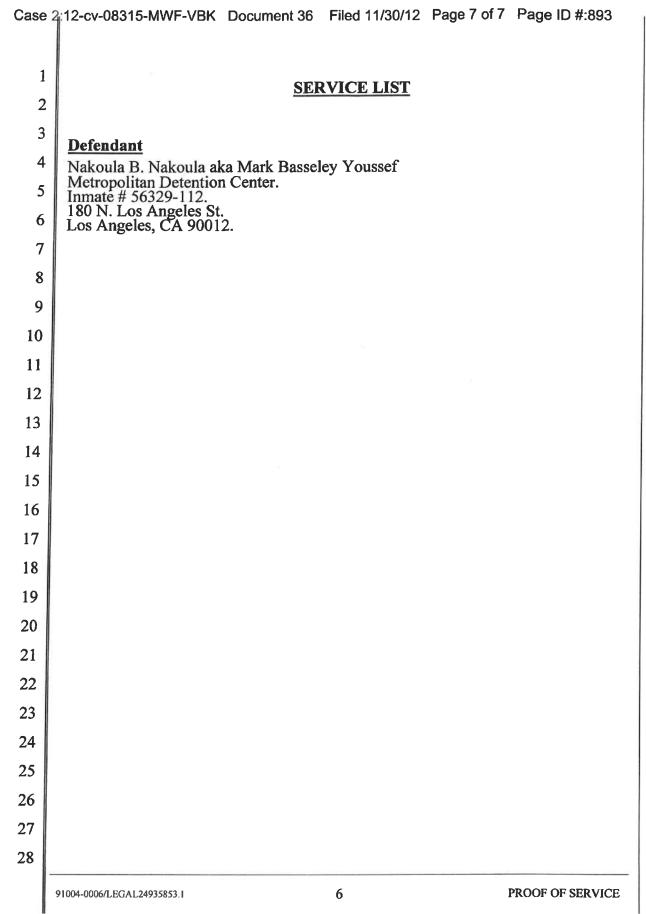
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11	FOR THE CENTRAL	DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12	CINDY LEE GARCIA, an individual,	Case No. CV12-8315-MWF(VBKx)
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14	vs.	DECLARATIONS OF TIM ALGER AND MARK BASSELEY
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16 17	NAKOULA, an individual also known as SAM BACILE, MARK BASSELEY YOUSSEF,	FLYNN, CINDY LEE GARCIA AND JIM BLANCO
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PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTION TO DECLARATIONS OF TIM ALGER AND MARK BASSELEY NAKOULA CV 12 8315 (VBKx)

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Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia hereby objects to and requests the Court to strike the Declarations of Tim Alger and Mark Basseley Youssef filed on November 28, 2012, only three business days prior to the hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction set for December 3, 2012, and which rely entirely on documents which, were they genuine (which Plaintiff can prove are not), have been available since 2011. The documents are a forgery, according to a credible forensic document examiner. See ¶ 8, below. The grounds for the objection are as follows:

Defendants Have Neither Sought Nor Been Granted Leave to File Late 1. Evidence, Which Could Have Been Filed Timely, In Violation of F.R.C.P. 6(b), Local Rule 7-9 and this Court's Order Dated October 18, 2012. Defendants YouTube, LLC, and Google, Inc., neither sought nor obtained leave from this Court to file new "evidence" (specifically, a copyright release that all Defendants now claim that Plaintiff signed in 2011) three business days before the scheduled hearing. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b) requires that "[w]hen an act may or must be done within a specified time," a party must file a "motion ... after the time has expired if the party failed to act because of excusable neglect." The court may properly exclude untimely evidence when a party fails to submit that evidence pursuant to a motion, as Rule 6(b) expressly requires. Lujan v. Nat'l Wildlife Fed'n, 497 U.S. 871, 895-98, 110 S. Ct. 3177, 111 L. Ed. 2d 695 (1990) ("Perhaps it is true that the District Court could have overcome all the obstacles we have described apparent lack of a motion, of a showing, and of excusable neglect-to admit the affidavits at issue here. But the proposition that it was compelled to receive themthat it was an abuse of discretion to reject them—cannot be accepted"); see also Fleischer Studios, Inc. v. A.V.E.L.A., Inc. 654 F.3d 958, 966 (9th Cir. 2011) (upholding district court's exclusion of evidence filed late, without any leave from

Although this Court initially set the hearing for November 19, 2012, it was delayed for two weeks at the request of Defendants YouTube, LLC, and Google, Inc., because lead defense counsel indicated that he was not available on that date.

the court). Pursuant to the Court's Minute Order dated October 18, 2012, Defendants' opposition and any supporting evidence was due on October 29, 2012. Local Rule 7-9 requires that the opposing party submit all evidence within the time prescribed by the rules of the Court. Defendants, fully aware of the issues involved in this case ever since Plaintiff filed her original case in California state court on September 19, 2012, have had four weeks to assemble their evidence, and clearly have ample resources to employ counsel and investigators to do so. Lead trial counsel Tim Alger admits that on November 16, 2012, he requested a copy of the documents that Google and YouTube now submit. Oddly, however, between November 16, 2012, and November 28, 2012, neither Google nor YouTube (nor their new ally, Defendant Youssef²) ever filed an ex parte application or even requested that Plaintiff's counsel stipulate to Defendants filing evidence late, obtaining a continuance, or conducting briefing on their "new" evidence, despite having had ample time and opportunity to do any of these things. This late filing shows Defendants' blatant disregard for the rules of this Court, and nothing short of sandbagging Plaintiff, whom Defendants know is a woman of extremely modest means and has virtually no resources to redress Defendants' misconduct.

Plaintiff Has No Opportunity to Cross-Examine the Declarants: Under

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It is unclear why Defendant Youssef has suddenly decided to "work with" Google and YouTube and join forces, to the point that Google and YouTube's lawyer apparently is drafting Mr. Youssef's declarations. One possible explanation is that Mr. Youssef was sentenced to death just days ago by an Egyptian court for his actions in making the film at issue in this case. See Declaration of M. Cris Armenta ("Armenta Decl."), ¶ 6, and Ex. D thereto ("Innocence of Muslims Participants Sentenced to Death in Egypt," The Guardian, Nov. 28, 2012, available at http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/nov/28/innocence-of-muslims-death-sentence). This media report is not hearsay, as it is offered merely to show Mr. Youssef's state of mind, see FED. R. EVID. 803(3); even if it is hearsay not fitting within an exception to the hearsay rule, this Court is entitled to consider it on a motion for preliminary injunction. See Flynt Distrib. Co., 734 F.2d at 1394 (9th Cir. 1984); see also V.L. v. Wagner, 669 F.Supp.2d 1106, 1115 n.8 (N.D. Cal. 2009) ("[O]n a motion for a preliminary injunction, the Court may consider inadmissible evidence, giving such evidence appropriate weight depending on the competence, personal knowledge, and credibility of the declarants.").

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Local Rule 7-8, Plaintiff is entitled to request, 14 days before the hearing, the right to cross-examine a declarant. Having learned only three business days before the hearing that Google and YouTube have now joined forces with Mr. Youssef and that Defendants are relying on forged documents, Plaintiff has little opportunity to request the opportunity to cross-examine Defendant Youssef and Mr. Alger. As a matter of fairness, and because the late-filed evidence may render Local Rule 7-8 a dead letter, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court disregard Defendants' late-filed declarations and exhibits in their entirety. In the alternative, Plaintiff requests that this Court permit Plaintiff's counsel to cross-examine Defendant Youssef and Mr. Alger as requested in her separately submitted Notice of Request.

3. Objections to Mr. Alger's Declaration:

12 Paragraph 2, first sentence. Hearsay (FED. R. EVID. 802), lack of 13 14 personal knowledge (FED. R. EVID. 602). Mr. Alger is not competent to 15 testify as to what was "completed and 16 signed" by Plaintiff. Moreover, 17 because it was Defendant Youssef, an 18 19 individual convicted of felony fraud, who provided Mr. Alger's purported 20 "knowledge" of whether or not 21 Plaintiff executed the exhibit, this 22 Court should reject all of Mr. Alger's 23

See Declarations of M. Cris Armenta, Cindy Lee Garcia and Jim Blanco.

Plaintiff filed a request under the local rules to cross-examine Mark Basseley Youssef. Mr. Youssef is still housed at the Los Angeles Metropolitan Detention Center. The objection to the Notice of Request filed today does not properly assert the bases permissible in the Rule 7-8.

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	1992) ("A credibility determination is
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Paragraph 5, first sentence.	Lack of personal knowledge (FED. R.
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	competent to testify as to what Mr.
	Seiden did or did not do. Notably,
	there is no declaration from Mr.
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Moreover, because it was Defendant Youssef, an individual convicted of felony fraud, who provided Mr. Alger's purported "knowledge" of the activities of Mr. Seiden and/or Mr. Youssef's "family," this Court should reject all of Mr. Alger's statements that are grounded on Defendant Youssef's statements and representations as not credible. See FED. R. EVID. 609(2) (witness's character for truthfulness by evidence of a criminal conviction is appropriately attacked where crime of conviction involved a dishonest act or false statement); QBAS Co. v. C. Walters Intercoastal Corp., 2010 U.S. DIST. LEXIS 143945, *28 (C.D. Cal., Dec. 16, 2010), quoting <u>New</u> England Braiding v. A.W. Chesterton Co., 970 F.2d 878, 884 (Fed. App. 1992) ("A credibility determination is well within the court's province when ruling on a preliminary injunction motion.").

Paragraph 5, second sentence.

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2	2		has no bearing on what her telephone
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11			Cal. 2007) (rejecting hearsay
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13			opportunity already to rebut
14			Plaintiff's evidence, or to seek leave
15			to do so, and failed to do either. The
16			untimely attack on Plaintiff's
17			declarations is improper, and also
18			materially false, as shown by the
19			Declarations of attorneys M. Cris
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21			and Jason Armstrong. FED. R. CIV.
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Refusal to Permit Inspection of Original. As demonstrated by the

emails exchanged by counsel. Plaintiff's lead counsel asked Mr. Alger twice for an

original (which would be preferred by any competent handwriting analysis expert)

opportunity to inspect the purported "release" documents, including both the

and the purported exhibits to the "release," none of which Plaintiff's counsel has yet seen. See Armenta Decl. ¶¶ 2-3, and Exhibits A and B thereto. Mr. Alger refused to accede to those requests. Now, it appears that Mr. Alger has the original in his possession. Yet, Plaintiff has still not inspected the original. See Armenta Decl. ¶¶ 2-3, and Exhibits A and B thereto.

- 5. The Documents Are So Incomplete As To Be Entirely Unreliable:
 - a. The copy of the "Cast Deal Memo" has the party to the purported agreement crossed out before the acronym "LLC" on the second line. Therefore, it is impossible to discern the identity of the party to that portion of the agreement. Declaration of Mark Basseley Youssef ("Youssef Decl."), Ex. 1.
 - b. The "Cast Deal Memo" also is unsigned in the space on page 2 allocated for "Producer." Youssef Decl., Ex. 1. This omission strongly suggests that the purported "Cast Deal Memo," assuming that it was not fabricated for the purposes of litigation, in reality is merely an unexecuted draft. The "Cast Deal Memo" contains other significant omissions, including: (i) the lack of a signature even purporting to be that of Cindy Lee Garcia on this document (the only document purporting to create a "work for hire" relationship, as the Copyright Act mandates in order for Ms. Garcia to have effectively assigned her copyright interest); (2) the lack of a signature line for Ms. Garcia's signature; (3) the lack of language in the "Cast Deal Memo" incorporating it by reference into the "Personal Release" (the only document of the two purporting to exhibit Ms. Garcia's signature); or (4) the lack of any other reference to the "Personal Release." Youssef Decl., Ex. 1.
- c. With respect to the document titled "Personal Release," the name of the

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- production company is redacted or concealed, rendering it impossible to discern the identity of the production company. Youssef Decl., Ex. 1.
- d. In the first full paragraph of the document titled "Personal Release," there is no title inserted for the "Picture," and therefore, it is impossible to discern to what "Picture" this document refers. Youssef Decl., Ex. 1.
- e. Finally, on the bottom space below the words "AGREED AND ACCEPTED TO" in the document titled "Personal Release," there is no signature, again suggesting that this document, like the "Cast Deal Memo," is nothing more than an unexecuted draft, assuming that it was not fabricated for the purposes of litigation. Youssef Decl., Ex. 1.
- 6. Other Indicia of Unreliability: The documents bear other indicia of unreliability. In the "Personal Release," the top handwritten line refers to the title of the project as "Desert Warriors." Youssef Decl., Ex. 1. Notably, at the time Cindy Lee Garcia and the rest of her duped castmates appeared in the film, its working title was "Desert Warrior," not "Desert Warriors." Declaration of Gaylord Flynn ("Flynn Decl."), ¶ 2. However, after this case became the subject of a media maelstrom, some media misreported the name of the film as "Desert Warriors," instead of its actual name, "Desert Warrior." It is hard to imagine that at the time the film was actually made, those involved in the legal paperwork and production of the film would get the name of the film wrong. It seems more reasonable to conclude that someone, after the media storm began, created these documents, and made the same mistake as the media. This conclusion is bolstered by the fact that both of the documents that Defendants have submitted apparently purport to refer to Mr. Youssef as "Sam Bessi (matthew mtta)." Youssef Decl., Ex. 1. However, Mr. Youssef has never used the alias "Sam Bessi" (see Armenta Decl., ¶ 4, Ex. C, at 6:6-16, 7:13-22 (listing the aliases that Mr. Youssef has used as including "Nakoula

Basseley Nakoula," "Mark Basseley Youssef," "Sam Bassil, "Sam Bassiel," and "Sam Bacile")), nor do Defendants provide any other explanation as to whom either "Sam Bessi" nor "matthew mtta" are. Accordingly, because the documents apparently purport to transfer Ms. Garcia's copyright to a non-existent person, it is void. See Cal. Civ. Code § 1558 ("It is essential to the validity of a contract, not only that the parties should exist, but that it should be possible to identify them"); see Westlye v. Look Sports, Inc. 17 Cal. App. 4th 1715, 1778 (1993 (refusing to extend release to parties not identified in the ski liability release); Cisco v. Van Lew, 60 Cal. App. 2d 575 (1943 (court refusing contract because party not identified).

- 7. Ms. Garcia's Castmate Also Has Disavowed the Authenticity of the Purported Documents: Garcia's fellow cast members have sworn that they did not sign papers like the ones Defendants have submitted. For example, actor Gaylord Flynn, whose role was more substantial than that of Plaintiff, has submitted a sworn declaration testifying that he reviewed both the purported "Personal Release" and "Cast Deal Memo," that he was not presented with any such documents to sign, and that if he had been presented with such documents, he would remember it. Flynn Decl. \$\Pi\$ 2; see also Declaration of Dan Sutter, submitted in support of Plaintiff's Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order, at \$\Pi\$ 4.
- 8. <u>The Writing is a Forgery:</u> A credible forensic handwriting has unequivocally that the handwriting is *not* that of Cindy Lee Garcia. <u>See</u>

 Declaration of James Blanco.⁶

Of course, had Mr. Youssef and his agents required the cast to sign a "Personal Release" and/or "Cast Deal Memo," they would have required all cast members (not just Plaintiff, whose role in the production and all Defendants have now minimized and belittled) to sign such agreements.

Mr. Blanco delivered his oral report to Plaintiff's counsel this morning, Friday, November 30, 2012, at 10:15 a.m. As soon as counsel receives his written report, it will be made immediately available to Defendants and the Court.

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- 9. This Court Should Disregard in Its Entirety the Declaration of Mr. 1 2 Youssef. Mr. Youssef, who was convicted of bank fraud in 2010, is currently serving time for violating the conditions of his parole, for, significantly, lying. See 3 Armenta Decl. ¶ 4, and Ex. C thereto, at 18:2-12. Mr. Alger, the lawyer for Mr. 4 Youssef's allies Google and YouTube, apparently prepared Mr. Youssef's 5 declaration, which he signed at the federal Metropolitan Detention Center. 6 7 However, because Mr. Youssef is a convicted felon who committed a crime of 8 dishonesty, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court reject his declaration in its entirety as not credible. See FED. R. EVID, 609(2) (witness's character for 9 truthfulness by evidence of a criminal conviction is appropriately attacked where 10 crime of conviction involved a dishonest act or false statement); QBAS Co. v. C. 11 Walters Intercoastal Corp., 2010 U.S. DIST. LEXIS 143945, *28 (C.D. Cal., Dec. 12 16, 2010), quoting New England Braiding v. A.W. Chesterton Co., 970 F.2d 878, 13 884 (Fed. App. 1992) ("A credibility determination is well within the court's 14 province when ruling on a preliminary injunction motion."). Indeed, if this Court 15 were to adjudge Mr. Youssef not credible, it will be the second Court in this district 16 to do so this month. See Armenta Decl. ¶ 4, and Ex. C thereto, at 18:2-12. In other 17 18 words, this Court should completely disbelieve Mr. Youssef's declaration and averment that, notwithstanding his many previous lies, he now suddenly is telling 19 the truth. His declaration should be stricken in its entirety. 20
 - 10. Even if the Documents Are Genuine, Which Plaintiff Can Prove They Are Not, They Are Void, Because It is Undisputed That They Were Procured by <u>Fraud</u>: Based on the evidence before the Court, "Personal Release" and "Cast Deal Memo," even if genuine, were procured by fraud, as already established by the Declaration of Cindy Lee Garcia. Mr. Youssef used a false name and tricked the

Plaintiff expects that, if this Court grants her request to cross-examine Mr. Youssef, he will admit, as recently reported by the New York Times, that he and his agents (including his son, who apparently is one of the individuals who has posted

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cast and crew into believing they were participating in an innocuous historical adventure when, in fact, at all times he intended to use the footage to create a piece of anti-religious hate speech. It is established law in the Ninth Circuit that even if a copyright holder (in this case, an actor) impliedly grants a license to a producer to use her copyrighted content (in this case, Ms. Garcia's performance in "Desert Warrior"), if the scope of that license is exceeded, then the use is unauthorized, the license is invalidated and the original copyright holder's copyright claim against the producer is restored. Oddo v. Ries, 743 F.2d 630, 633 (9th Cir. 1984); see also Gilliam v. American Broadcasting Cos., 538 F.2d 14, 19-21 (2d Cir. 1976) (license to use underlying work in a particular derivative work does not permit licensee to use underlying work in any other derivative work).

Dated: November 30, 2012

THE ARMENTA LAW FIRM, A.P.C.

By:

M. Cris Armenta
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Cindy Lee Garcia

the trailer on YouTube) knew that the film would put the actors at substantial risk, and therefore misled them as to the nature of the project. See Armenta Deel., ¶ 7, Ex. E ("From the Man Who Insulted Mohammed, No Regret," New York Times, Nov. 25, 2012). This media report is not hearsay, as it embodies an admission of a party opponent or his agent, see FED. R. EVID. 801(2); even if it is hearsay not fitting within an exception to the hearsay rule, this Court is entitled to consider it on a motion for preliminary injunction. See Flynt Distrib. Co., 734 F.2d at 1394; see also V.L., 669 F.Supp.2d at 1115 n.8.

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DECLARATION

DECLARATION OF M. CRIS ARMENTA

I, M. Cris Armenta, declare:

- 1. I am an attorney licensed in the State of California and principal of the Armenta Law Firm, counsel of record for Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia in this action. I am a member in good standing before the State Bar of California, and admitted to practice before this Court. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to such facts under oath.
- 2. On Sunday, November 18, 2012, I received an email from Tim Alger in which he represented that Plaintiff signed a release, consisting of two documents, of her rights for the film that is the subject of this litigation. At the time, I was on vacation in Nevada with my two children for Thanksgiving week and not in the office nor at my home office. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of Mr. Alger's email, including both attachments.
- 3. The proffered documents were produced to me in .pdf form only. I immediately contacted my client, because the existence of these documents is inconsistent with her sworn declarations in this Court and inconsistent with the sworn statements of other actors that worked on the film. Based on my investigation on that Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend, I advised Mr. Alger early on Monday morning, November 26, 2012, that my legal team had "serious doubts" as to the authenticity of the document. I asked: (1) that Mr. Alger inform us of the provenance or source of the proffered document; (2) that Mr. Alger provide the missing portions of the document that were either redacted or missing attachments; and (3) to inspect the original of the document. Mr. Alger informed me that he obtained the document from the criminal attorney representing Defendant Mark Youssef (a/k/a Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, Sam Bacile). Mr. Alger refused my other requests to inspect the original and for the missing data or information,

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and instead threatened to bring Rule 11 sanctions against my client and me. I informed Mr. Alger that my team was moving very expeditiously to examine the document and that I would be in touch very soon once we were able to complete a responsible analysis of the proffered document(s). I immediately placed a telephone call to Mr. Seiden, Defendant Youssef's criminal lawyer, to confirm Mr. Alger's representations and to obtain any information possible about the provenance of the document(s). My email exchanges with Mr. Alger following November 19, 2012, a are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 4. The documents filed by Defendants contain certain indicia of unreliability, which are set forth at length in Plaintiff's objection. With respect to one of those indicium, the discrepancy between references to "Sam Bessi (matthew mtta)" and the aliases that Judge Christina Snyder of this Court has found Mr. Youssef has used, I attach the transcript of Mr. Youssef's parole violation hearing before Judge Snyder, dated November 7, 2012, as Exhibit C.
- 5. On Wednesday, November 28, 2012, Plaintiff was able to gather the financial resources to retain a handwriting expert, Jim Blanco. Mr. Blanco delivered his oral report to me this morning, at 10:15 a.m., on Friday, November 30, 2012 to the effect that none of the handwriting on the questioned documents belongs to Cindy Lee Garcia. As soon as I receive his written report, I will make it immediately available to the Court and to the Defendants.
- 6. According to media reports, this week an Egyptian court sentenced Mr. Youssef, among others, to a sentence of death as a result of the film. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of an article titled "Innocence of Muslims Participants Sentenced to Death in Egypt," *The Guardian*, Nov. 28, 2012, *available at* http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/nov/28 //innocence-of-muslims-death-sentence).

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	7. The New York Times recently reported that Mr. Youssef and his agents
	(including his son, who apparently is one of the individuals who has posted the
	trailer on YouTube) knew that the film would put the actors at substantial risk, and
	therefore misled them as to the nature of the project. Attached as Exhibit E is an
	article titled, "From the Man Who Insulted Mohammed, No Regret," The New York
п	Times, Nov. 25, 2012).
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 30th day of November, 2012 at Bozeman, Montana.

M. Cris Armenta

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EXHIBIT A

Cris Armenta

From:

Alger, Timothy L. (Perkins Coie) <TAlger@perkinscoie.com>

Sent:

Sunday, November 18, 2012 2:39 PM

To:

Cris Armenta

Subject:

Garcia v. Nakoula et al

Attachments:

Garcia Cindy Lee-Releases (2) copy.pdf

Hi Cris --

Your client executed a release of all claims and assignment of any rights under the Copyright Act on August 9, 2011. A copy is attached. We believe you should dismiss the action promptly, and I'll work with you to accomplish that. I am traveling this evening and Monday but can be reached by cell phone at 650 223 3791.

Tim

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Release #1

Cast Deal Memo

This memo outlines terms of the agreement between HH. (hereinafter "Producer") related to the production of (hereinafter "Motion Picture.")
1. Services:
outlined in Appendix A. agrees to perform the services
2. Compensation:
Subject to the rest of the terms of this agreement, and upon satisfactory completion of the services outlined in Appendix A, Producer agrees to compensateat the rate and time designated in Appendix B.
3. Employment Status: [Independent Contractor]
is an independent contractor, who is not required to work exclusively for Producer now or in the future, and who, as a professional, is expected to complete the assignment without supervision or training. No fringe benefits or overtime compensation will be provided and the contractor is solely responsible for all income, self-employment and other taxes due upon this income received in conjunction with the services rendered under this agreement. The contractor is not entitled to collect unemployment compensation under this agreement.
4. Assignment of Rights
assigns to producer all rights necessary for the development, production and exploitation of the Motion Picture, whether denominated copyrights, performance rights, or publicity rights, including the right to reasonable use of his/her name and likeness in conjunction with the development, production and exploitation of the Motion Picture, and waives any right to sue Producer over such use.]
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writing submitted for the Motion Picture is his own original work. The parties agree the script and all revisions of the script of the film are "works made for hire" as defined under article 101 of Title 17 of the U.S. Code. If for any reason the script should be determined to not be a "work made for hire,"

assigns all rights he may have to the work under U.S. and International copyright law to Producer.

5. Credits:

Producer agrees to provide	the following credits: (mutther mutta)
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Appendix A:

[Describe the services to be performed in plain English including dates and times required to be available and any equipment to be provided.]

[Examples: actor playing (role); dates; times (or "as needed"); related responsibilities. Writer; responsibilities including revisions/turn around times between dates; Stunts/effects...]

Appendix B:

Describe Compensation Rate

EXHIBIT B

Cris Armenta

From:

Cris Armenta

Sent:

Monday, November 26, 2012 10:02 AM

To: Cc: 'Alger, Timothy L. (Perkins Coie)'

Jason Armstrong (armstronglaw@me.com); David Hardy (David.Hardy@DMCASolutions.com); Sol, Credence (credence.sol@sol-law.com);

Heather Rowland; sbali@perkinscoie.com

Subject:

RE: Garcia v. Nakoula et al

Dear Tim:

Based on what we have learned from our own client and from others who worked on this film, we have serious doubts as to the authenticity of the document(s) you sent. What do you offer as the provenance, or ability to authenticate, this document? We can better analyze its authenticity if we know where and from whom Google obtained it. We are examining the issue now and once you provide us with the purported origin of the document, will get back to you very soon.

Cris

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Sent: Sunday, November 18, 2012 2:39 PM

To: Cris Armenta

Subject: Garcia v. Nakoula et al

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In addition: (1) the second document you transmitted references attachments which we did not receive. Do you have those? And: (2) Do you have an original of these documents? If so, we would like to inspect them immediately.

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Thank you for advising us on the first query. Our client CANNOT confirm its authenticity. We are not inclined or disinclined at this point. We have had the document for 3 business days, one of which was the day before Thanksgiving, and I was on vacation all last week. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

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We obtained it from Mr. Nakoula's criminal counsel. I would think your client would be able to confirm or deny its authenticity. If you are not inclined to dismiss the matter, let me know this morning and I will file it with the court with appropriate authentication. It's been a full week since I provided this document to you.

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Attachments:

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Dear Tim:

Enclosed is the declaration of Gaylord Flynn, whom we believe was the most experienced of the actors on the set. He disavows having ever been presented with the documents you claim were signed by Ms. Garcia. He also states that had he been presented with such documents, he would recall such an event.

Our investigation continues, but to date, we have no evidence or information to suggest that the documents you have provided us are authentic. In fact, our investigation so far, as well as the sworn testimony of our client, reveals the exact opposite. Nevertheless, we continue to investigate the claims out of a need to be as thorough as possible.

Cris

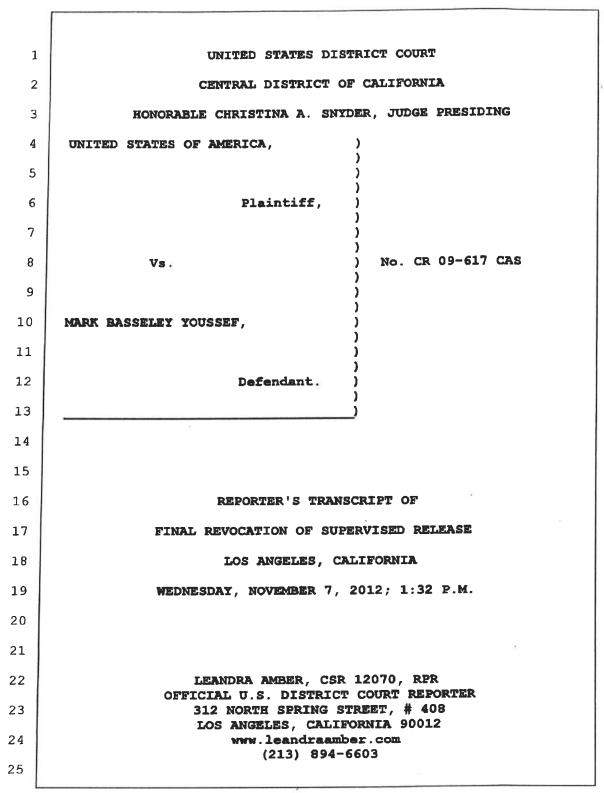
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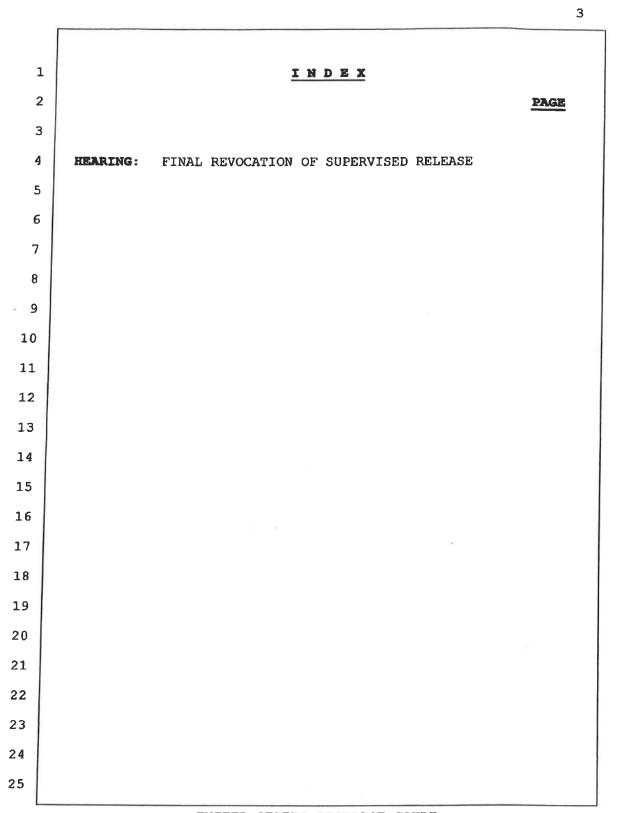
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6	THE CLERK: Calling calendar item two, case number
7	CR 09-617, United States of America versus Mark Basseley
8	Youssef.
9	Counsel, please state your appearances.
10	MR. DUGDALE: Good afternoon, your Honor.
11	Robert Dugdale on behalf of the United States of
12	America, and I'm present at counsel table with Graciela
13	Gudino and Curtis Samson of the United States Probation
14	Office
15	THE COURT: Good afternoon.
16	MR. SEIDEN: Good afternoon, your Honor.
17	Steven Seiden on behalf of Mr. Youssef. He is
18	present with counsel.
19	THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon.
20	MR. SEIDEN: Thank you.
21	THE COURT: Okay. A few preliminary matters
22	Mr. Youssef, first of all, we have a stand by
23	Arabic interpreter. Do you wish to proceed with the
24	assistance of the interpreter?
25	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

:	THE COURT: Okay.
2	THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.
3	THE COURT: Secondly, as a housekeeping matter,
4	before we proceed, Mr. Youssef, you submitted to me a letter
5	in Arabic, and I have not had an opportunity to read your
6	letter because we have been attempting to find the
7	appropriate procedure to fund, and now we have found the
8	procedure to fund a an interpreter translating it to me.
9	I don't know that your counsel has necessarily had
10	an opportunity to go over it, and my question to you is,
11	before we proceed today, do you want us either at sidebar or
12	in camera to read have that translated?
13	THE DEFENDANT: No.
14	THE COURT: Okay. Do you wish to tell us in
15	summary form anything that was contained in that
16	communication?
17	THE DEFENDANT: No.
18	THE COURT: All right. Then why don't we place
19	Mr. Youssef under oath, and I will proceed to ask him
20	regarding certain allegations.
21	THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand to the
22	best that you can.
23	Do you solemnly swear that you will answer
24	truthfully the questions that the Court will ask you so help
25	you God?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE CLERK: Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Youssef, I'm going to be asking you about allegations and again whether you admit or deny those allegations.

First of all, having been ordered by the Court not to use for any purpose or in any manner any name other than his true legal name or names without the prior written approval of the Probation Officer, from December 26, 2010, to the present, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, you used the name Nakoula Basseley Nakoula on all documentation provided to the Court and the Probation Officer. Whereas on or about October 1, 2002, in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, decree changing name, case number A 21-5011, upon his own motion, the Superior Court ordered his name changed from Nakoula Basseley Nakoula to Mark Basseley Youssef.

Do you admit or deny that?

THE DEFENDANT: (Through interpreter) admit.

(In English) admit.

THE COURT: Second, having been ordered by the

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other than his true local name or names without the prior

written approval of the Probation Officer, from December 26,

2010, to the present, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula has possessed

a California driver's license under the name Nakoula Basseley

Nakoula without prior written approval of the Probation Officer.

Do you admit or deny that?

THE DEFENDANT: Admit.

THE COURT: Okay. Third, having been ordered by the Court pursuant to general order 318 to not commit another federal, state, or local crime, from December 26, 2010, to the present, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula possessed a fraudulently obtained California driver's license in violation of California Vehicle Code section 14610.

Do you admit or deny that?

THE DEFENDANT: Admit.

THE COURT: Okay. And then my understanding is that I am to go to allegation number five.

Having been ordered by the Court pursuant to

General Order 318 to answer truthfully all inquiries by the

Probation Officer on September 15, 2012, Nakoula Basseley

Nakoula falsely stated to the Probation Officer that he had

not used the name Sam Bassil and/or the variations of Sam

Bassiel and Sam Bacile.

Do you admit or deny that, sir?

THE DEFENDANT: Admit.

THE COURT: All right. It's my understanding that pursuant to the agreement between Government and the defense, those are the only allegations that remain active; is that

correct, Mr. Dugdale?

MR. DUGDALE: Yes, your Honor.

Basically as a result of the defendant's admissions to Allegations One, Two, Three, and Five, the Government will agree to dismiss Allegations Four, Six, Seven, and Eight.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. DUGDALE: And in addition there are several other provisions that we have agreed to or agreements that we've reached as a result of this disposition.

The Government has agreed not to charge the defendant with a violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 1001, which is false statements based upon the Allegations Seven and Eight.

The parties have agreed to stipulate that the appropriate sentence in this case following the necessary revocation of the defendant's supervised release is 12 months imprisonment to be followed by an additional four-year period of supervised release.

And also the parties have agreed that the defendant will participate in a proffer with the United States

Probation Office and the United States Attorney's Office

pursuant to the terms of the Government's standard proffer

agreement to truthfully answer all questions concerning his

finances, his assets, his employment, and his income.

And provided he truthfully answers questions along

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1 those subject lines, the Government has agreed it won't 2 pursue further violations of the conditions of the 3 defendant's supervised release based upon those subjects and those answers. 4 5 THE COURT: Thank you. 6 Mr. Seiden, do you agree? 7 MR. SEIDEN: We do agree, your Honor. We're going 8 to be requesting of the Court to at sentencing for home 9 confinement per the judge -- the Court's consideration. 10 Also, if the Court does not agree to that, we're 11 asking that you make a recommendation that he be housed in 12 the Southern California area. 13 THE COURT: All right. 14 MR. SEIDEN: Thank you. 15 THE COURT: First of all, let me state that given 16 the fact that Mr. Youssef has admitted Allegations One, Two, 17 Three, and Five, the Court finds him to be in violation of 18 the terms and conditions of his supervised release. 19 Let me hear from Mr. Dugdale regarding the request 20 for home confinement. 21 MR. DUGDALE: Yes, your Honor. 22 That wasn't exactly our agreement, but the 23 Government stands here relatively confident that the

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appropriate sentence is one of imprisonment regardless of

what that request would be.

So I would briefly talk about the four things that illustrate that this was a serious breach of the Court's trust through these violations that's deserving of the one-year sentence that the Government is recommending here through imprisonment to be followed by the four years of supervised release.

First of all, these were serious violations. They were violations that basically fall into two categories, either the defendant's persistent use of names other than his own true legal name or dishonesty with the Probation Office.

And obviously both of these things are important to the ability of the Government and the Probation Office to supervise the defendant.

Paramount is that he is honest with them. So when asked questions about names he has used, employment that he's had, things of that nature -- it's essential that people on supervised release are truthful with Probation to allow them to do their jobs. And this defendant was not truthful as he admitted when he admitted violation number five.

And the alias issue was also a serious issue here as well. And it's a serious issue because of the history and characteristics of this particular defendant. As the Court will remember back in 2009, 2010, in the underlying case, this is a defendant who participated in a massive fraudulent scheme involving the use of a whole host of fraudulent

identities.

Well over 640 -- 641 credit and debit cards in names other than his own were found in his possession that he used to open no less than 60 different bank accounts to defraud the victim banks in this case of approximately \$800,000.

In this particular case, as the Court now knows, he changed his name from Nakoula Basseley Nakoula to Mark
Basseley Youssef back in troubling. Despite that fact, even including the litigation before this Court, he was using a different name, his old name, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula. And he has persisted in using that name throughout the term of his supervised release even though he knows he knows as well -- well knows that that is not his true legal name.

And perhaps most troubling he has carried identification in these two different names during the period of his supervised release. He has a passport in the name of Mark Basseley Youssef. He has a driver's license in the name of Nakoula -- Nakoula Basseley Youssef.

And as this Court should appreciate, as a result of his criminal past including the use of aliases and multiple forms of identification other than his true legal name, this is not a defendant that we want out there using a name other than his true name. This is not a defendant the Court should want out in the streets using multiple forms of

identification and having multiple forms of identification in names other than his own.

And then of course there's the use of the name Sam Bacile, which relates to Allegation Number Five to which the defendant admitted, which is an entirely new identity that he put forward to other people for fraudulent purposes as I'll explain in a minute.

So because of that, these are serious allegations.

Because of his history and characteristics particularly serious as it relates to this defendant.

Second, as the Probation Office noted in its lengthy letter to the Court, this is a defendant who has engaged in a long running pattern of deception really dating back to when he first appeared in front of this Court and misrepresented what his true name is all the way through up to his arrest back in September in this case.

So his dishonesty goes back years. It's a defendant with a criminal history which includes not only the fraudulent conduct that resulted in victimization of the banks to the tune of almost \$800,000 but also a prior conviction related to methamphetamine manufacturing, even selling nonconforming gas.

So his own businesses he has not operated on the up and up. He's been dishonest with this Court. He's been dishonest with the Probation Office. He's been dishonest

with the officials in California who issued him that driver's license that's not in his true name. He's been dishonest with the people that he has done business with including the people who appeared in the film that I'll talk about in a second.

A third reason why a period of incarceration of 12 months is appropriate is because he was given a break before by this Court and appropriately so at the time, probably fully with the expectation of this Court that we wouldn't be seeing him back here so quickly.

The United States Sentencing Guidelines provide in section 7B1.4, application note three, that when an original sentence was a result of a downward departure, as it was in this case, that is something the Court should consider in revocation conduct and perhaps grant an upward departure.

When -- because you got the break before did not take advantage of that break and find yourself so soon in front of the Court again as a result of engaging in violation conduct in the legal conduct, that is something the Court should take into account when sentencing him now.

As the Court will probably recall, he received a 21-month sentence when he was looking at a guideline range at that time obviously purely advisory a 41 to 51 months.

THE COURT: Right. And I believe it was a 5Kl.1 motion --

MR. DUGDALE: There was.

THE COURT: -- that triggered the downward departure by this Court, but nonetheless you are correct.

MR. DUGDALE: That is correct. And the application note that I cite specifically talks about getting a downward departure as a reward for substantial assistance.

And how, if you come back after something like that, because you've engaged in violation conduct, that should be taken into account and is an aggravating factor, and the Government is citing it as so in this case.

And the last point as to why this was a serious offense worthy of the punishment that frankly I thought the parties had agreed to before a minute ago, is the fact that his deception actually caused real harm to people.

I'm not going to say much about the movie. He's .
not here because of the content of this movie --

THE COURT: Agreed.

MR. DUGDALE: -- but the way that he went about making this movie is the problem because he did defraud people. He portrayed to people that he was Sam Bill, not Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, not even that person, not even Mark Youssef -- not Basseley Youssef, but this other identity.

So the people who got involved with this -- the actors and actresses who answered the casting call that he made -- they had no idea that he was a recently released

federal felon with a history as extensive as I mentioned before who had defrauded banks out of close to \$800,000.

And had these people known that, had they been given this true name and known his background, they might have had some second thoughts before they joined in on that project. But they didn't have that opportunity because the defendant defrauded them by betraying something as fundamental as his identity to them.

And second, as far as how he went about making the movie -- and this is mentioned in the Probation Officer's lengthy letter -- is then he committed a second deception with these people. After they had filmed their scenes, he went back and dubbed in language which made the film that people have considered offensive.

And this is not a choice that these actors or actresses had to made. It's the choices he made for them. So if the defendant wanted to be a lightning rod for controversy or attach himself to a project like this, as amateurish as it was, and as offensive as people might view it, that was his choice.

But he made this choice for other people who were not on board with that decision and had no idea he was doing so. And that's a substantial fraud. And as a result, these people have come forward to the Probation Office and reported that they have experienced death threats, they're afraid for

their lives, they feel like they're careers have been ruined -- all as a result of what this man did to defraud them. So again it fits within the pattern of deceit that the Probation Office has -- has cited to the Court.

As you know, the Probation Office actually in its letter remitted two years. I will tell that you we've had discussions with the Probation Office. They are on board with the one-year recommendation in light of the defendant's acceptance of responsibility in this case, which should of course be considered as a mitigator by this Court.

But all in all as a result of the factors that I've laid out here, your Honor, the United States does submit that a one-year period of incarceration is an appropriate sentence in light of the seriousness of the offenses and the damage that he has done to other people as a result of this longstanding pattern of fraudulent behavior that this defendant has engaged in.

So unless the Court has any additional questions, I will submit, your Honor. Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. Anything further?

MR. SEIDEN: Thank you, your Honor.

I'm not sure why the Government had to go into a lengthy recitation of what we had already discussed previously. We have an agreement. We worked very hard towards a disposition in this matter. We've reached it. My

client's made his admissions to the Court.

And as far as the movie goes, which I'm not sure why that was brought up, but like any movies, people who are involved in the making of the movies have the right to change dialogue, change titles, change everything. These actors and actresses whom nobody ever knew before signed releases. I don't know why that's any part of any discussion today.

But my client has admitted that. We have agreed on the disposition of the one-year confinement. We're just asking the Court to consider home detention. He has not been able to see any members of his family for the last five weeks but for glances in court proceedings. He's had a very difficult time getting his son and daughter in to see him at the detention center. That will be corrected in the future.

And we're asking this Court to give him some consideration. He has avoided a lengthy hearing probably by allowing me to engage in discussions with the Government to resolve this matter which we've done in a timely fashion I believe. And we ask the Court to consider the home detention that we're requesting.

Thank you.

THE COURT: Well, I am strongly of the opinion that the one year in custody is appropriate for the reasons indicated by the Government. The -- as far as I'm concerned, Mr. Youssef has struck a deal far more favorable than he

might have otherwise suffered had he proceeded to try this case. I appreciate his acceptance of responsibility, but I am also mindful of the fact that he has engaged in continuing deception.

I might even add to the laundry list of Mr. Dugdale that, as I recall, we placed Mr. Youssef under oath; and for purposes of his guilty plea he presented himself as Mr. Nakoula, which obviously was incorrect and a fraud on this Court.

That's not why we're here either today. We're here because of his continuing conduct in this regard and the fact that he has not dealt honestly with Probation.

So I do think that one year in custody is appropriate followed by four years of supervised release, and that is what my sentence is going to be.

MR. SEIDEN: Your Honor, I appreciate that. Could I just -- I neglected to mention one thing.

In the 2009 Presentence Report given to this Court, the very first name under aliases was the name Mark Basseley Youssef, and Probation never did anything further to confirm at that time that that was in fact his legal name under the name change that occurred in 2002.

And I wish they had. I wish his counsel at that time had done that. We wouldn't be here today.

THE COURT: Well, you were not counsel at that

time, but obviously all of us were led to believe that he had a different name than his true name.

MR. SEIDEN: Well, that's true. I'm just saying they must have known because they put it in the Presentence Report.

THE COURT: I understand your point.

MR. SEIDEN: Thank you. And with that I submit. Thank you very much.

THE COURT: And so that is going to be my sentence in this case. I'm going to revoke supervised release and sentence Mr. Youssef to 12 months in custody followed by four years of supervised release.

Mr. Youssef shall make the proffer that was discussed by Mr. Dugdale and to which Mr. Seiden agreed. And I believe you asked for a recommendation that Mr. Youssef be placed at a Southern California facility. And to the extent possible, I will make that recommendation.

MR. SEIDEN: Thank you very much, your Honor.

MR. DUGDALE: Thank you, your Honor.

Just one quick thing. There were some additional conditions of supervised release that the Probation Office had requested in its letter.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. DUGDALE: Rather than put the Court on the spot with this, perhaps we will just submit a proposed order along

those lines. And Mr. Seiden, if he has issues with those, can object to those. But I'll deal with it however the Court would like.

THE COURT: Well, I'll do either way. I'm sure I have the letter here, and I'm sure I can deal with it now if we want to wrap it up now. But if you would prefer to deal with it and discuss it with one another, I'm happy to let you do that.

MR. DUGDALE: I think that might be best just to make sure that we have it all correct.

THE COURT: That sounds fine.

MR. DUGDALE: So we will submit that to the Court, your Honor.

And the only other housekeeping matter is to -- the Government will move to dismiss the remaining allegations which are Allegations Four, Six, Seven, and Eight in the interest of justice.

THE COURT: All right. That motion will be granted.

And I think we should probably, in light of Mr. Youssef's earlier comments, return to him the submission that arrived yesterday.

MR. SEIDEN: Very good, your Honor.

THE COURT: Anything further, Counsel?

MR. SEIDEN: Thank you for accommodating us and

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allowing us to be heard today. Thank you. Your Honor, we
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Innocence of Muslims participants sentenced to death in Egypt

Seven Egyptian Christians were tried in absentia for taking part in anti-Islam video produced in US that sparked violent protests

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An anti-US protest in Jammu, India, in September over the Innocence of Muslims video. Photograph: AFP/Getty

A court in Cairo has sentenced to death seven Egyptian Christians who were tried in absentia for participating in an anti-Islam video that prompted violent protests in many Muslim countries.

"The seven accused persons were convicted of insulting the Islamic religion through participating in producing and offering a movie that insults Islam and its prophet," said the judge, Saif al-Nasr Soliman.

The crude, low-budget video, Innocence of Muslims, produced privately in California, denigrated the prophet Muhammad, and its circulation online triggered anti-US protests and attacks on western embassies in September.

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From Man Who Insulted Muhammad, No Regret

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LOS ANGELES — Fuming for two months in a jail cell here, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula has had plenty of time to reconsider the wisdom of making "Innocence of Muslims," his crude YouTube movie trailer depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a bloodthirsty, philandering thug.

Does Mr. Nakoula now regret the footage? After all, it fueled deadly protests across the Islamic world and led the unlikely filmmaker to his own arrest for violating his supervised release on a fraud conviction.

Not at all. In his first public comments since his incarceration soon after the video gained international attention in September, Mr. Nakoula told The New York Times that he would go to great lengths to convey what he called "the actual truth" about Muhammad. "I thought, before I wrote this script," he said, "that I should burn myself in a public square to let the American people and the people of the world know this message that I believe in."

In explaining his reasons for the film, Mr. Nakoula, 55, a Coptic Christian born in Egypt, cited the 2009 massacre at Fort Hood, Tex., as a prime example of the violence committed "under the sign of Allah." His anger seemed so intense over the years that even from a federal prison in 2010, he followed the protests against the building of an Islamic center and mosque near ground zero in New York as he continued to work on his movie script.

Until now, only the barest details were known about the making of the film that inspired international outrage. Initial reports made it seem as if the film had been thrown together in about a year.

But a longer, more intricate and somewhat surreal story emerges from interviews with Mr. Nakoula, church and law enforcement officials and more than a dozen people who worked on the movie — those who knew its real subject and those who were tricked into believing it was to be a sword-and-sandal epic called "Desert Warriors." Together, they paint a picture of a financially desperate man with a penchant for fiction who was looking to give meaning and means to a life in shambles.

There is a dispute about how important the video was in provoking the terrorist assault on the American diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, that killed the United States ambassador and three other Americans. Militants interviewed at the scene said they were unaware of the video until a protest in Cairo called it to their attention. But the video without question led to protests across the globe, beginning in Cairo and spreading rapidly in September to Yemen, Morocco, Iran, Tunisia, Sudan, Iraq, Pakistan, Lebanon, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The making of the film is a bizarre tale of fake personas and wholesale deception. And as with almost everything touched over the years by Mr. Nakoula — a former gas station manager, bong salesman, methamphetamine ingredient supplier and convicted con man — it is almost impossible to separate fact from fabrication.

A few years ago, Mr. Nakoula told some of the crew members he had gathered, supposedly to make "Desert Warriors," that the project would have to be put off. He had cancer. Treatment was needed, far away, and they would not be able to reach him. His family shared a similar story with church officials.

Mr. Nakoula, it turns out, was not going away for cancer treatment, although the time did overlap with the prison sentence for bank fraud, which the crew knew nothing about. (Mr. Nakoula pleaded guilty this month to violating his supervised release in that case and received a one-year sentence.)

He claims that he only wrote the film — five versions of the script — and served as a "cultural consultant." One of Mr. Nakoula's sons, Abanob Basseley Nakoula, 21, said in an interview that his father had written the script in Arabic and then translated it into English. The son said he helped him with grammar.

But Mr. Nakoula, who described himself to some cast members as the writer and producer, explained to a confidant that his plan was to fool actors into thinking they were making a movie built around an ancient tribal villain named George, dubbing in the name "Muhammad" later whenever anybody said "George."

As early as 2008, he had cobbled together a 20-page treatment for a film he wanted to call "The First Terrorist."

In Mr. Nakoula's responses to questions from The Times, conveyed through his lawyer, Steve Seiden, he had no second thoughts about the way he had handled the cast. "They had signed contracts before they went in front of any camera, and these contracts in no way prevented changes to the script or movie," he said.

Abanob Nakoula said: "The actors were misled. My dad thought the film would create a stir, and as a precaution for their safety, there are no acting or production credits at the end of the trailer or the full-length movie."

A Slippery Identity

The amateurish project might have disappeared quietly, the way many forgettable messes do in Hollywood's underbelly. Yet three years after completing his script treatment, Mr. Nakoula was on a makeshift movie set inside the suburban Los Angeles headquarters of a nonprofit organization called Media for Christ, whose founder has been critical of Islam. There Mr. Nakoula was surrounded by actors wearing false beards, and there was a goat slipping on a tile floor. Alongside him was his director for hire: Alan Roberts, known for soft-core pornography movies like "The Happy Hooker Goes Hollywood."

Mr. Nakoula noted that the head of Media for Christ, Joseph Nassralla Abdelmasih, was "a friend for five years." Mr. Abdelmasih attended the 2010 protests against the Islamic center near ground zero. Other contacts in the world of anti-Islam activism would also play pivotal roles. Helping to publicize the film were Morris Sadek and Elaia Basily — activist Copts living in Northern Virginia — and Terry Jones, the Florida preacher whose own Koran burnings had stirred violence abroad.

That Mr. Nakoula is a hard man to pin down is no accident. He told the cast and crew that his name was Sam Bassil, which he sometimes spelled differently. Federal prosecutors convicted him in 2010 under the name Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, but he recently admitted to the court that he had changed his name in 2002 to Mark Basseley Youssef.

What he did not mention at the time, however, was that in 2009, according to court records, he changed his name yet again, this time to Ebrahem Fawzy Youssef. (His lawyer said Mr. Nakoula was unaware until recently that the latest change had been finalized.)

Facts presented by Mr. Nakoula as rock solid tend to weaken upon inspection. For instance, he told federal probation officials that he first came to Los Angeles in 1984 for the Olympics as part of the Egyptian soccer team. But a Web site listing official players on that team does not include Mr. Nakoula. Nor was there evidence that he was on the squad's staff.

He claimed during production that the budget for the film was \$5 million, raised mainly from Jewish donors. Actually, it cost no more than \$80,000, apparently raised through his second ex-wife's Egyptian family and donations from other Copts, according to a person who discussed the financing with him.

Even though the shoot lasted only 15 days, there was enough footage for a feature-length

movie, which exists, running roughly one hour and 40 minutes. Mr. Basily, the Virginia activist who has donated to Media for Christ, said he watched the entire film on DVD early this year and found it historically accurate.

All that has been seen on the Web is the 14-minute YouTube trailer, which by the time it hit the Internet in July was titled "Innocence of Muslims."

Mr. Nakoula was able to finish the project even though people who ran into him over the years found him puzzling. When he rented offices in suburban Los Angeles, other tenants noticed that he came around only at night for the most part and stored stacks of Marlboro cartons there, among other things. When he took a stall at a flea market to sell drug paraphernalia and tobacco merchandise, other stall holders noted that his wares never seemed to move and that he spent most of his time on the phone, shouting in Arabic.

And Coptic Church officials said they considered Mr. Nakoula an unlikely candidate for the kind of religious zeal behind "Innocence of Muslims" because he had attended services so infrequently. But Mr. Nakoula said fervor and witnessing persecution are what drove him to create the film.

Mr. Nakoula agreed last month to be interviewed by The Times at the Metropolitan Detention Center here, where he has been held since his September arrest. But the warden refused to allow the interview.

In his written responses to questions, Mr. Nakoula reeled off "atrocities" by Muslims that went back many years and formed his views, focusing on shootings, a bombing and the torture of his fellow Copts. After the Fort Hood massacre, in which an Army psychiatrist with ties to Muslim extremism has been charged, "I became even more upset and enraged," he said.

Abanob Nakoula said: "My dad is not an evil man. He has had a hard life. He did something — the movie, something he felt strongly about — that was not frowned upon by the Constitution. He would always say, 'Don't fight Muslims; fight their ideology.' "

From Prison to Studio

Nakoula Basseley Nakoula grew up in Egypt but came to the United States and wed Ingrid N. Rodriguez in 1986 in Nevada, according to state marriage records. They divorced in 1990, the records show. Soon afterward, while living in California, he married an Egyptian woman, Olivia Ibrahim, with whom he has three children. Although the couple divorced, the family members all lived together on a cul-de-sac in Cerritos until going into hiding after the video spread.

Mr. Nakoula declared bankruptcy in 2000. By then he was a felon: a police sting caught him trading crates of a methamphetamine ingredient for \$45,000 in cash. He was sentenced to one year in prison but did community service instead. A little over a decade later, Mr. Nakoula, while at work on his movie, was arrested for bank fraud. He was behind bars for almost 21 months before getting out in the summer of last year.

"He said it might have been a blessing to go to prison because he had time to work on the script," his son said.

Mr. Nakoula's supervised release barred him from using aliases. But he resumed work on his movie under the name Sam Baccil, said Jimmy Israel, who assisted with preproduction. Mr. Israel, who still thought Mr. Nakoula had been away battling cancer, placed casting notices on Backstage.com. One advertised 11 roles that included "George: male, 20-40, a strong leader, romantic, tyrant, a killer with no remorse, accent." Mr. Israel said Mr. Nakoula told him that "Muhammad would be named George to mislead the actors."

Mr. Nakoula found his director through a circuitous route. During the time of his bank fraud scheme, he rented five offices in a building owned by a man named Shlomo Bina, who, as it happened, had once aspired to a movie career, too, crossing paths with Mr. Roberts, the director. Chatting one day, Mr. Bina pointed him toward Mr. Roberts, whose real name is Robert Alan Brownell, records show. Attempts to reach Mr. Roberts through lawyers were unsuccessful.

A few Coptic immigrants in the United States have built media outlets with the help of programming that is anything but favorable toward Islam. One of them is Mr. Abdelmasih of Media for Christ. Not only did he provide Mr. Nakoula with 10 days of free studio space, but he also helped get the promotion going for the YouTube trailer by contacting Mr. Sadek in Virginia.

Mr. Sadek wrote in an e-mail that "my friend," Mr. Abdelmasih, "told me that Mr. Nakoula had created a movie about the Copts' persecution in Egypt." Mr. Sadek then publicized the YouTube trailer on his Web site and to his contacts. Mr. Basily, the activist, also spread word about the trailer using social media. Mr. Sadek also put Mr. Nakoula in touch with another important promotional partner: Mr. Jones, the Florida pastor.

Mr. Abdelmasih said Mr. Nakoula called one day to ask to use his facility. "He said to me the movie was about persecution of Christians by the government, combined with radical Muslims," Mr. Abdelmasih recalled in an interview.

'Not Tech-Savvy'

Media for Christ provided no cameras or any other production help, Mr. Abdelmasih said. He also insisted that Media for Christ's "work is not against Muslims," and he said he was "shocked" by the final product. But his studio has been used to produce "Wake Up America," a program hosted by Steve Klein, an insurance salesman in Hemet, Calif., and a staunch anti-Islam activist. Mr. Klein served as a consultant for Mr. Nakoula after they first met at Media for Christ.

When Dan Sutter, cast as George's grandfather, arrived at Media for Christ's offices in early August last year, Mr. Nakoula was there, greeting people as Sam. Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ" played on a television in a break room.

Eight months or so after shooting ended, Mr. Nakoula contacted a few of the actors to return to Media for Christ for looping, a standard part of moviemaking in which inaudible dialogue is rerecorded. Lily Dionne, an extra with no lines who was called to dub for another actress, said that a fellow actor had also been asked back and that Mr. Nakoula told him to say "Muhammad" into a microphone. He did.

On July 2, the trailer was posted on YouTube by someone using the name Sam Bacile. Mr. Nakoula's son said he was the one who did it.

"My dad is not tech-savvy at all, and does not know how to work social media," Abanob Nakoula said. "So he asked me to take the initiative to spread the word, and I did my best."

He explained that using the name Sam Bacile, he created a Facebook account before production started and then the YouTube account.

Abanob Nakoula added, "My dad wanted to show the trailer on TV as a commercial, and I told him that was not going to happen because it costs a lot of money and the networks would not show a 14-minute trailer, especially if they knew the content."

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DECLARATION

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DECLARATION OF GAYLORD FLYNN

- 1. I am an actor who appeared in the film originally titled *Desert Warrior* and posted to YouTube with the title *Innocence of Muslims*. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to such facts under oath.
- 2. I have reviewed the two documents attached hereto as Exhibit A. These documents do not look familiar to me. I do not believe that I signed documents like this in connection with the film "Desert Warrior." I also notice that on the "personal release" document, the picture is mis-titled "Desert Warriors," instead of Desert Warrior, which was the working name of the film. If I had signed documents like this, I would remember it.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 26th day of November, 2012, at La Quinta, California.

DECLARATION OF GAYLORD FLYNN CV 12 8315 (VBKx)

DECLARATION

DECLARATION OF CINDY LEE GARCIA

I, Cindy Lee Garcia, declare:

- I am over eighteen years of age and the Plaintiff in this action. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge, and if called as a witness, would testify competently as follows:
- 2. I am an actor who appeared in the film originally titled *Desert Warrior* and posted to YouTube with under title *Innocence of Muslims*. I am the Plaintiff in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to such facts under oath.
- 3. I have reviewed the declaration of Mark Basseley Youssef and the attachments. The handwriting on those pages is not mine. I did sign a document, which involved my getting IMDB credit for the film "Desert Warrior." During the filming of "Desert Warrior," I was presented with a single sheet of paper, which I insisted upon because my main motivation in participating in this film as a new actress, was to obtain IMDB credits. That single piece of paper also referred to payment to me.
- 4. Mr. Alger's declaration, where he talks about what Mr. Youssef (although I knew him as "Sam Bacile"), is totally inaccurate. He says that Mr. Youssef would say that I worked for two hours on a single day. This is false. In fact, I worked two full days on the set of "Desert Warrior." Mr. Alger claims that Mr. Youssef would say that I was paid \$75.00. This is also false. I was paid \$75.00 the first day, either \$125 or \$150 for the second day. Later, I was paid an additional \$150 for some voice work.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is truthful and accurate.

Executed on this 30th day of November, 2012, at Bakersfield, California.

Cindy Lee Garcia

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on the interested parties in this action by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

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CIVIL MINUTES -- GENERAL

Case No. CV 12-08315-MWF (VBKx)

Date: November 30, 2012

Title:

Cindy Lee Garcia -v- Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, et al.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Rita Sanchez Courtroom Deputy None Present Court Reporter

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR PLAINTIFF:

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR DEFENDANTS:

None Present

None Present

PROCEEDINGS (IN CHAMBERS): ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO CROSS-EXAMINE [35]

On November 29, 2012, Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia filed a Notice of Request Under Central District Local Rule 7-8 to Cross-Examine Declarants Submitted by Defendants Google Inc. and YouTube LLC (the "Request"). (Docket No. 35). The hearing on Garcia's motion for a preliminary injunction currently is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012. (See Docket No. 32). Garcia requests that at the hearing she be permitted to cross-examine two declarants, whose declarations were submitted on November 28, 2012. (See Docket Nos. 33, 34).

Putting aside the timing and procedural issues raised by the filing of these two declarations and the Request, Local Rule 7-8 states that "[n]o declaration of a declarant with respect to whom such a request has been granted shall be considered unless such declarant is personally present and available at the hearing for such cross-examination as the Court may permit." *Id*.

The Court will not consider these two declarations in deciding Garcia's motion for a preliminary injunction.

The Request (Docket No. 35) is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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PROCEEDINGS (IN CHAMBERS): ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF
GARCIA'S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION [12]

On October 17, 2012, Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia filed an Ex Parte Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and an Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, and Order of Impoundment (the "Application"). (Docket No. 12). On October 18, 2012, Garcia's request for a temporary restraining order was denied, and the Application was construed as a motion for a preliminary injunction. (See Docket No. 15). This matter is now before the Court on Garcia's motion for preliminary injunction (the "Motion"). (See id.) Defendants Google Inc. and YouTube, LLC have filed an Opposition, and Garcia has filed a Reply. (Docket Nos. 22, 27).

The Court has read and considered the papers filed on this Motion and deems the matter appropriate for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b); Local Rule 7-15. Accordingly, the hearing set for **December 3, 2012**, is removed from the Court's calendar.

"A plaintiff seeking a preliminary injunction must establish that he is likely to succeed on the merits, that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, that the balance of equities tips in his favor, and that an injunction is in the public interest." Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucos Pharma

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GmbH & Co., 571 F.3d 873, 877 (9th Cir. 2009) (quoting Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 20, 129 S. Ct. 365, 172 L. Ed. 2d 249 (2008)).

Furthermore, this injunction would require affirmative conduct by Defendants, *i.e.* Defendants' immediate action in regard to the Film. Therefore, Garcia's Motion "is subject to heightened scrutiny and should not be issued unless the facts and law clearly favor" her as the moving party. *See Dahl v. HEM Pharms. Corp.*, 7 F.3d 1399, 1403 (9th Cir. 1993) (requiring defendant to provide drug to patients).

Garcia alleges that Defendants have infringed her purported copyright in a trailer for a film (the "Film"). (See generally Compl. (Docket No. 1)). The Film was posted for public viewing on YouTube on July 2, 2012 – five months ago. Given this five-month delay, Garcia has not demonstrated that the requested preliminary relief would prevent any alleged harm. Seto v. Thielen, Civil No. 10-00351 SOM-BMK, 2010 WL 2612603, at *2 (D. Haw. June 28, 2010) ("Given Plaintiffs' allegation that the septic system is currently leaking raw sewage into Kaneohe Bay, the requested injunction would not necessarily prevent irreparable harm to Plaintiffs, as the leaking of the raw sewage would continue with or without [the defendant's] presence at the park.").

Nor has Garcia established a likelihood of success on the merits. Even assuming both that Garcia's individual performance in the Film is copyrightable and that she has not released this copyright interest, the nature of this copyright interest is not clear. Nor is it clear that Defendants would be liable for infringement.

As was the case in Aalmuhammed v. Lee, 202 F.3d 1227 (9th Cir. 2000), the Film "is a copyrightable work, and it is undisputed that the movie was intended by everyone involved with it to be a unitary whole." *Id.* at 1231. Additionally, a copyright in a work "vests initially in the author or authors of the work. The authors of a joint work are coowners of copyright in the work." 17 U.S.C. § 201(a).

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Garcia does not argue that she is the sole author of the Film, nor does she argue that the Film was a joint work of which she was a co-author. According to the United States Supreme Court, the "author" is the "person to whom the work owes its origin and who superintended the whole work." *Aalmuhammed*, 202 F.3d at 1233 (citing *Burrow-Giles Lithographic Co. v. Sarony*, 111 U.S. 53, 61, 4 S. Ct. 279, 28 L. Ed. 349 (1884)). By Garcia's own allegations and argument, she does not meet this standard with respect to the Film. Furthermore, Garcia concedes that she does not have joint authorship over the Film or joint ownership of the copyright in the Film. (*See* Reply at 12 n.11).

Therefore, Garcia appears to argue only that she owns the copyright in her performance within the Film. Even if this copyright interest were cognizable and proven, by operation of law Garcia necessarily (if impliedly) would have granted the Film's author a license to distribute her performance as a contribution incorporated into the indivisible whole of the Film. See Effects Assocs., Inc. v. Cohen, 908 F.2d 555, 558-59 (9th Cir. 1990) ("[The plaintiff] created a work at defendant's request and handed it over, intending that defendant copy and distribute it. . . . Accordingly, we conclude that [the plaintiff] impliedly granted nonexclusive licenses to [the defendant] and his production company to incorporate the special effects footage into [the film]" and then "to distribute the film"). Garcia has introduced no evidence to the contrary.

Accordingly, Garcia's Motion (Docket No. 12) is DENIED.

Given the discussion above, the Court need not reach the issues of the balance of equities and the public interest.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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BLANCO IN SUPPORT OF
OBJECTION AND REQUEST TO
STRIKE DECLARATIONS OF
TIM ALGER AND MARK 13 Plaintiff, 14 VS. 15 **BASSELEY YOUSSEF** NAKOULA BASSELEY NAKOULA, an individual also known as SAM BACILE, MARK BASSELEY YOUSSEF, 16 17 ABANOB BASSELEY NAKOULA, MATTHEW 18 NAKOULA, MATTHEW
NEKOLA, AHMED HAMDY,
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ROBERT BACILY, NICOLA
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M. BASSELEY, and/or MALID
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YOUTUBE, LLC, a California
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DOES 1 through 10, inclusive. 19 20 21 22 23 24 DOES 1 through 10, inclusive. 25 26 Defendants. 27 28 DECLARATION OF JAMES A. BLANCO IN SUPPORT OF OBJECTION AND REQUEST TO STRIKE DECLARATIONS OF ALGER AND YOUSSEF CV 12 8315 (VBKx)

DECLARATION OF JAMES A. BLANCO

I, James A. Blanco declare as follows:

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I am James A. Blanco, all of the facts set forth in this declaration are of my own personal knowledge and if called as a witness I could and would competently testify as to the following:

EXAMINER'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK HISTORY:

- 2. I am a Forensic Document Examiner and I maintain a full time practice in Forensic Document Examinations. My business addresses are 55 New Montgomery Street, Suite 712 San Francisco California 94105 and 655 North Central Avenue 17th Floor, Glendale California 91203 and 1629 K Street N.W. Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006. I have been in the field of Forensic Document Examinations for over twenty five years. My training, experience and qualifications as a Forensic Document Examiner are set forth in my three page curriculum vitae which is attached and incorporated hereto as EXHIBIT 1. My training included review of such notable cases as the Zodiac Killer and the Howard Hughes Will.
- 3. I formally subscribe to the Collaborative Testing Services tests which are controlled tests with known results. These are the same tests given to forensic document experts in government laboratories that are accredited by ASCLAD 18 (American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors). I continue to pass these ongoing tests maintaining a zero personal examiner error rate. In my government positions I

also accurately passed all of the "CTS" tests.

4. I was formerly commissioned with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms working as a full time Forensic Document Examiner employee in their Western Regional Forensic Science Crime laboratory. In this position I worked cases for the numerous field offices ("Posts of Duty") in the United States and in the U.S. Protectorates and Territories of the Special Agents of ATF which also occasionally involved joint investigation cases involving DEA and FBI questioned documents cases. I left this position on good terms for a full time Forensic Document Examiner employee position with the California Department of Justice where I examined cases for hundreds of government and law enforcement agencies throughout the State of California. I left this position on good terms to enter private practice as a Forensic Document Examiner and have been in full time private practice now for fifteen years.

- 5. In addition to civil casework, I also maintain the exclusive contract with the California Secretary of State's Office for Forensic Document services wherein I service their Forensic Document casework regarding voting fraud cases, and I also work cases for numerous other government agencies both inside and outside of California including the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation, the Federal Defenders offices in Anchorage, Florida, Puerto Rico, and other agencies.
- 6. I have rendered expert opinions regarding questioned documents on over

	7,000 occasions. I have qualified and testified as an expert witness concerning
	questioned documents in excess of two hundred times in both Federal and Superior
	Courts in numerous States and also abroad in Mexico, Singapore and the High Court
•	of South Africa. I have never been prevented from testifying in any venue. Attached
:	hereto as <u>EXHIBIT 2</u> is a list of my testimony over the past four years.
(7. My services are charged at \$250.00 per hour with the exception of court or
7	deposition appearances/testimony which are charged at \$300.00 per hour.
8	8. I received from the law offices of Cris Armenta the following documents for
9	examination which are described as follows:
10	DESIGNATION OF DOCUMENTS BEARING QUESTIONED WRITINGS:
11	EXHIBIT 3 Personal Release dated 8/9/11 (Doc. 33 Page ID#:871)
12	A copy of this questioned document is attached hereto as EXHIBIT 3
13	EXHIBIT 4 Two-page Cast Deal Memo dated 8/9/11 (Doc. 33 Page ID#872 & 873)
14	A copy of this questioned document is attached hereto as EXHIBIT 4.
15	DESIGNATION OF KNOWN SPECIMEN DOCUMENTS:
16	EXHIBIT 5 Numerous documents bearing signatures and, or handwritings
17	attributed to Cindy Garcia are attached collectively hereto as EXHIBIT 5.
18	ASSIGNMENTS:
19	9. I was asked to examine and compare the "Cindy Garcia" signatures and other
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handwritings on the EXHIBIT 3 and EXHIBIT 4 documents to the EXHIBIT 5 handwritings to determine whether or not Cindy Garcia was the author of the handwritings on EXHIBIT 3 and, or on EXHIBIT 4. I was advised that the "Matthew mtta" handwritings were not a matter of investigation so my analysis did not include these handwritings on EXHIBIT 3 or on EXHIBIT 4.

EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED:

The questioned and known handwritings were examined in detail. 10. Comparisons were made of line quality, letter forms and of letter proportions to determine similarities and/or differences between the questioned and known handwritings. Copies of these documents were made and notes were taken during the examination processes. ASTM Standard E-2290 was used as a guide in the examination processes. This guide is titled, "Standard Guide for Examination of Handwritten Items" and was developed by one of the scientific working group committees of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) which has 15 established standard protocols for most of the forensic sciences including pathology, fingerprints, DNA, firearms and tool marks, just to cite a few examples.

ANALYSIS:

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About twenty-five pages containing known specimen writings of Cindy Garcia were presented for examination. This provided for a meaningful specimen group

which sufficiently revealed the writing variations of Cindy Garcia, the writer of the	
EXHIBIT 5 materials. Detailed handwriting comparisons revealed numerous	
persistent difference in handwriting features in the comparison of the handwritings	
on EXHIBIT 3 and EXHIBIT 4 to the known handwritings of Cindy Garcia, the	
author of the EXHIBIT 5 handwriting samples. For example,	

- -The signatures by Cindy Garcia are more cursive and stylized in nature than the questioned signatures on EXHIBIT 3 and on EXHIBIT 4.
- -The letters "r" of the questioned writings are more hand printed than cursive in nature. Further, the "r"s of the known writings are more elongated and vertical than the "r"s on the questioned documents.
- -The letters "C" are different in form.
- -The axis of the "d" in "Cindy" is oriented differently in the comparisons between the questioned and known writings.
- -The letters "a" by Cindy Garcia are more stylized than those observed on EXHIBIT 3 and EXHIBIT 4.
- -The "re" connections of the questioned "Garcia" names are different in their connection strokes.

Numerous additional differences were noted in the comparisons between the questioned and known writings by Cindy Garcia.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS—OPINIONS:

12. Given all of the observed handwriting differences, it was determined that the handwriting features observed on the questioned documents did not represent the natural, normal, nor genuine handwriting characteristics of Cindy Garcia as demonstrated by her EXHIBIT 5 handwriting samples. Consequently, Cindy Garcia is eliminated as the writer of the handwritings on EXHIBIT 3 and on EXHIBIT 4. An "elimination" is a term of art in Forensic Document Examination opinion rendering and represents the highest degree of confidence expressed by document examiners in handwriting comparisons. That is, the examiner has no reservations whatever, and the examiner is certain, based on evidence contained in the handwriting, that the writer of the known material did not write the materials in question (ASTM—American Society for Testing and Materials Designation: E 1658 – 08 Standard Terminology for Expressing Conclusions of Forensic Document Examiners).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 304 day of November 2012, at San Francisco, California.

JAMES A. BLANCO

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PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Testified as an expert in over 200 trials.
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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

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Blanco & Associates, Inc.

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Forensics Photoshop course,

EEI Communications, San Francisco CA December 15-16, 2006

Printing Process Examinations, Infrared Examinations,

American Board of Forensic Document Examiners Workshop, Las Vegas, November 7-10 2005

Altered Identification Documents, sponsored by the California State Department of Justice Criminalistics Institute March 1995

Fundamentals of Document Examinations For Laboratory Personnel,

FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia- July 12-23 1993

<u>Symposium on Fluorescence Techniques in Ouestioned Documents</u>, sponsored by the California State Department of Justice Criminalistics Institute Feb. 1992

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- * <u>Identity Theft Prevention</u>, (self published, 2001)

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- * Association of Forensic Document Examiners Annual Conference, Phoenix AZ, October 2010
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Long Beach, CA - October, 1990.

A Case Study in Forensic Ethics Las Vegas, Nevada - April, 1991.

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San Mateo, CA

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Re: The Estate of Don Cunningham, Nevada County Superior Court Probate Case No. P14621

Hon. Thomas M. Anderson

R. Ellis Harper, Esq.

11/15/10 Down town Los Angeles, CA

Arbitration

Re: Ron Sahni

Attorney Robert L. Kinkle

11/17/10 Riverside, CA

Deposition Re: Gillis estate matter

Attorney Rex Edwards

11/26/10Bremmerton, WA

Arbitration

Re: Boston Pacific Matter

Michael White, Esq. Patton Boggs LLP

12/02/10 Roseville, CA

Deposition

Re: Marquez et al. vs. Van Dyke, et al; Thielke et al. vs. Van Dyke, et al.

Kevin Hull, Esq. Freidberg & Parker, LLP

12/21/10Nevada County Superior Court (Nevada City, CA)

Hon. Thomas M. Anderson

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Re: Niman v. Niman, Nevada County Superior Court Case No. P14839

R. Ellis Harper, Esq.

01/05/11 San Francisco, CA

Deposition

Re: Alameda County Probate Case No. RP08420940

Thomas Latham, Esq. & Brian F. Connors, Esq.

01/19/11 Los Angeles, CA (Korea Town)

Arbitration

Hon. Alan Penkower

Re: Stanley v. State Farm

Rob Pohls, Esq. of Pohls & Associates

02/01/11 Alameda Superior Court (Oakland)

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e: Estate of Winston Nielsen Deceased, The Regents Of The University Of California, Petitioner, v.

Kristin L. Johnson and Clifford R. Lancaster, Respondents

Case No. RP 08-403581

Charlie Wolff, Esq. Evans, Latham & Campisi

San Francisco, CA

02/09/11 Alameda Superior Court (Oakland)

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03/22/11 Deposition in Alameda, CA

Estate of Taruk Joseph Ben-Ali

Defending: Vernon Goins, Esq. of Goins & Associates

04/19/11 Riverside Superior Court (Palm Springs)

Dept. PS2

Re: People of the State of California vs. Daniel Lee Smith RIF 144557

Melanie N. Roe, Esq. of Kennedy & Roe (for the Defendant)

05/09/11 Fresno, California

Deposition

Re: Estate of Lillian Salwasser, deceased

Fresno County Sup. Ct. Case No. 07CEPR00104

Defending, Lee Cobb, Esq.

05/13/11 Federal Court Sacramento

Hon David E. Russell Dept. 28

Re: Kupka v. Dead Oaks Estates Inc.

For the Respondent, George Hollister Esq.

05/31/11 San Jose, California

Deposition

Re: Straus v. Pavese et al

Andrew Lauderdale, Esq.

Santa Clara Superior Court

06/08/11 Sacramento, California

Deposition

Re: Wiens vs. Huff

For the Plaintiff, Randall L. Wiens

07/14/11 Roseville, Placer County, CA

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Re: Jayraj Nair v. Dindu P. Nair

Karen L. Mathes, Esq.

07/26/11 Santa Barbara, Superior Court

Hon. Brian Hill

Re: Peter Lance

For the Defendant, Daryll Genis, Esq.

08/02/11 Watsonville, Superior Court

Hon. Heather D. Morse

Dept. C

Re: Norton Dissolution

For Scott Norton, Patricia Liberty, Esq.

08/11/11 San Francisco, Superior Court

Hon. McCarthy

Department 624

Re: People v. Rory Talley

For the defense, Jacque Wilson, Esq.

08/26/11 San Francisco, Superior Court

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Re: Miller v. CPMC

For the defendant, Mike Naranjo of Foley & Lardner LLP

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Re: Peter Lance

For the Defendant, Daryll Genis, Esq.

10/27/11 Oakland, Superior Court

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Re: People v. Rafael Duarte

For the Defendant, William Cole

11/04/11 Sacramento, Deposition

Re: Dovichi v. James V. de la Vergne...Bendahans/McCartney

Deposing Law Firm: DLA Piper LLP (US)

Deposing Attorney, Steven S. Kimball

For the Plaintiff, Freidberg and Parker Law Firm

Defending my deposition, Bret Spitzer

11/09/11 Oakland, Superior Court

Homocide Trial

Hon.

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Re: People v. Rafael Duarte

For the Defendant, William Cole

03/05/12 San Mateo, Superior Court

Civil, Imani trial

Hon. Scott

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For Bita Imani, Mike Adams, Esq.

03/07/12 Burbank Superior Court

Hon. William D. Stewart

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Re: Hovsep

Alex Gilanians, Esq.

07/25/12 New York, Deposition

Paul Ceglia v. Facebook

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Defending for Ceglia, Dean Boland

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Goldstone vs. Murphy

Deposed by Nick Campbell, Esq.

Defending for Murphy, JoAnna Esty, Esq.

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10/04/12 Los Angeles main courthouse 111 Hill Street
 Hon. Gregory Alarcon.
 Department 36
 Re: Kenny Teragawa vs. Borg Produce Sales, Inc. et al
 Dan Fears Esq. Pain & Fears LLP

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This memo outlines terms of the agreement between WM, " (hereinafter "Producer") related to the production of (hereinafter "Motion Picture.")
1. Services:
2. Compensation:
Subject to the rest of the terms of this agreement, and upon satisfactory completion of the services outlined in Appendix A, Producer agrees to compensateat the rate and time designated in Appendix B.
3. Employment Status: [Independent Contractor]
is an independent contractor, who is not required to work exclusively for Producer now or in the future, and who, as a professional, is expected to complete the assignment without supervision or training. No fringe benefits or overtime compensation will be provided and the contractor is solely responsible for all income, self-employment and other taxes due upon this income received in conjunction with the services rendered under this agreement. The contractor is not entitled to collect unemployment compensation under this agreement.
4. Assignment of Rights
assigns to producer all rights necessary for the development, production and exploitation of the Motion Picture, whether denominated copyrights, performance rights, or publicity rights, including the right to reasonable use of his/her name and likeness in conjunction with the development, production and exploitation of the Motion Picture, and waives any right to sue Producer over such use.]
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COMPLAINT FOR:

VERIFICATION

I, Cindy Lee Garcia, a Plaintiff in this proceeding, have read the documents:

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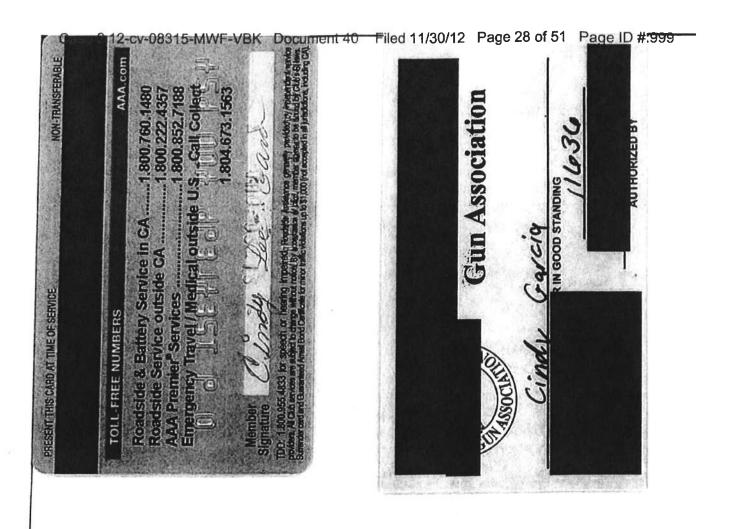
The information contained therein are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters that are alleged on information and belief, and, as to those matters, I believe it to be true. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 18th day of September, 2012 in Los Angeles, California.

Cindy Lee Garcia

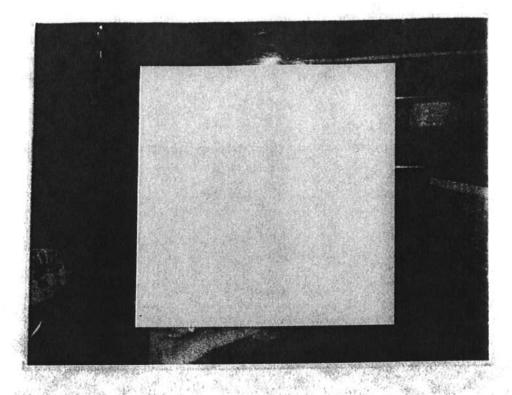
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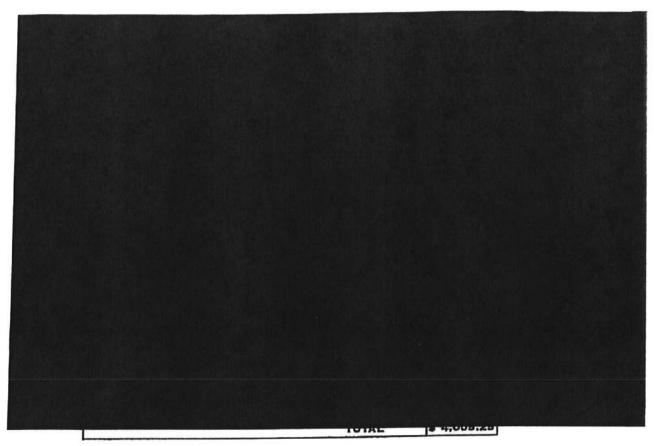
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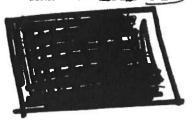
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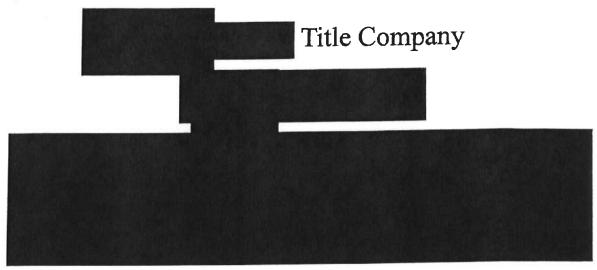
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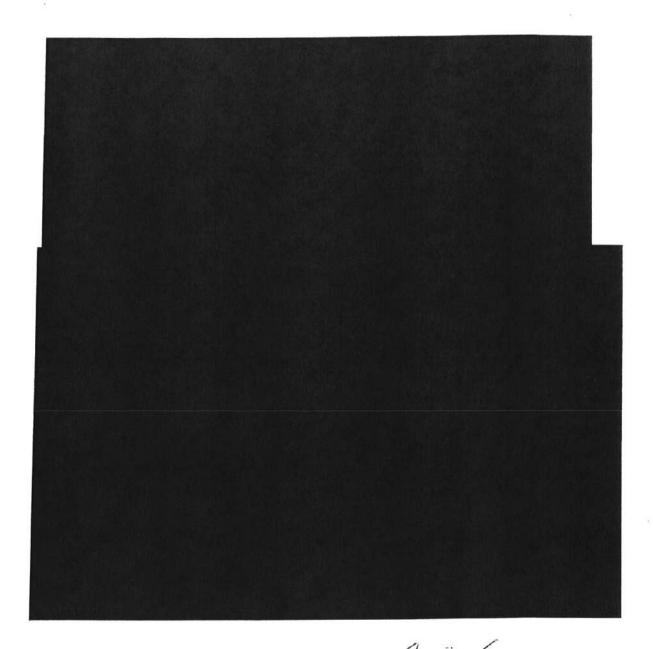


I have read the Preliminary Report dated January 6, 2010 covering the property described in your above numbered escrow. I know of no other matters pertaining to the condition of title other than stated in this report. Further we approve the legal description as being the property which is the subject of this escrow.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of sald Preliminary Report.

Flame of Fire Outreach Church, a Non-Profit Organization

Cindy L. Garcia, Authorized Agent



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Christian ordained minister. I have received numerous death threats, all of which have been reported to the appropriate authorities. Because of security concerns, the authorities advised me not to release the details of which law enforcement agencies have received those reports. The death threats include, but certainly are not limited to, the following:

"I am ready to die for MUHAMMAD (PBUH) and I would Like to Kill all Those Who contributed in the Shape of Acting or Financially or any other Kind of Support in Shameless Movie."

"And If You Wanna to save your life and we consider your innocent then Just Kill Sam and Terry Jones."

"Dear the end is near."

"It's all a big joke. She will be Killed by some one who loves and cares our Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him"

"She will know what she did now she is saying sorry about that"

Copies of these threats are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

18. I have filed an application to register my acting performance in *Desert Warrior* work with the United States Copyright Office. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of my copyright application.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 12th day of October, 2012, at Bakersfield, California.

Cindy Lee Garcia

DECLARATION OF CINDY LEE GARIA CV 12 8315 (VBKx)

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Flame of Fire Outreach

RE: CANCELLATION NOTICE

November 9, 2012



Dear Flame of Fire Outreach,

You recently indicated that you wish to cancel your alarm monitoring contract with SAFE Security⁶. For your protection against fraud and to ensure proper security of your property, please complete the information below as cancellation notification, and return this document to SAFE.

SAFE requires written notification of alarm monitoring account cancellation, which must be <u>received days before</u> the end of your current contract term. Please refer to your monitoring agreement for details. Your monitoring account with SAFE will be cancelled once this form is returned and a final payment in the amount of \$150.92 has been received. This payment covers the remaining balance of your contract.

For your convenience, SAFE now accepts both checks and credit card payments by phone and via our web site at www.safesecurity.com. If you have already remitted a payment for this final amount, thank you and please disregard this letter.

If you are paying by check, be sure to include your account number on your check. If you wish to pay by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express); you may also make your payment on our website at www.safesecurity.com. Click on SAFEPay.

Please be aware that if you are currently receiving a discount on your homeowner's insurance policy based on monitoring service, you may have an obligation to disclose to your insurance carrier your discontinuance of monitoring service. Failure to make such a disclosure could affect your rights under the policy.

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We at SAFE Security are sorry to see you go, and we have greatly appreciated your business. We hope that you will think of us in the future when you require security equipment and alarm monitoring services. If you need further assistance, please contact SAFE Customer Care at (800) 669-7779.

Sincerely, SAFE Security

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Hourly Fees and Contingent Nature of Fee Recovery

This Engagement Agreement is a contingency agreement governed by Section 6147(a) of the California Business and Professions Code. Under this Agreement, Counsel will recover payment for Attorney's Fees if any, only if Client obtains monetary recovery. For the purpose of calculating the Contingency Fees (as defined herein), Attorneys' Fees shall also include all attorneys' fees, and paralegal fees.

Client's Action will be handled by M. Cris Armenta at an hourly rate of \$450 per hour. Counsel may increase that rate upon thirty (30) days written notice and the absence of any objection shall be deemed Client's acquiescence to a rate increase. Counsel may also retain other counsel or paralegals to work on Client's Action as appropriate in Counsel's discretion. Counsel will prepare and mail to Client each month an invoice reflecting charges at Counsel's full hourly billing rates for all timekeepers who worked on the Action that month. From any monetary recovery, Counsel shall first subtract and pay to Counsel any unreimbursed Out-of-Pocket Costs and Reimbursable Costs. From the remainder, Counsel shall be paid one-third as payment for Attorneys' Fees ("Contingency Fees") from any pre-trial settlement, and after heavy trial preparation begins (deemed to be forty-five days before the set trial date) forty-percent. Any award of Attorneys' Fees and costs ordered by the Court shall be separately paid to Counsel. Client understands that the contingency fees are not set out by law and are instead an item negotiable between Client and Counsel, and that the Client may negotiate a lower rate of recovery for attorneys' fees for Counsel.

Despite the contingency nature of this Agreement, Counsel shall have the right to withdraw from representation of Client if Client fails to do any of the following: pay Counsel's statements for payment of Out-of-Pocket Costs in full upon presentation, follow Counsel's advice, cooperate with Counsel, or fail to communicate with Counsel.

Lien on Recovery

In the event of litigation, Client hereby grants to Counsel to the extent of Counsel's attorneys' fees and unreimbursed costs (whether Out-of-Pocket or Reimbursable Costs), a lien on any recovery achieved for Client by Counsel. Any and all checks or drafts in payment of any settlement or judgment shall be made payable jointly to Client and Counsel unless otherwise agreed by Client and Counsel, and will be deposited into Counsel's client trust account. Client further agrees that Counsel may deduct its share of such recovery, by advising the Client in writing of its intent to do so and providing the Client at least 5 days to respond to Counsel's accounting, with the balance being distributed to Client.

No Guarantees

Client acknowledges that Counsel has not made and will make no guarantee regarding the ultimate cost (in fees and expenses) or the outcome of any subject matter of the representation, and all expressions regarding such matters are preliminary assessments or opinions only.

Forum For Disputes

Any dispute arising out of or related to this agreement will be decided under California law. California will be the exclusive jurisdiction for resolution of all disputes.

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ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Cindy Lee Lewis (hereinafter, "Client") retains The Armenta Law Firm (hereinafter "Counsel") on the following terms and conditions to represent Client in connection with the removal of the YouTube Video film known as "Innocence of Muslims" and advice and possible litigation against the responsible parties ("the Action").

General Authorization

Client authorizes Counsel to undertake, on Client's behalf, any actions Counsel deems necessary or appropriate to advance Client's interests in connection with the Action. This authorization includes the right to institute such actions, and to retain investigators, experts, consultants, and other attorneys or law firms as Counsel deems necessary to assist in the Action.

Monthly Billing Statements

Counsel's services will be billed to Client on a monthly basis. The statements generally will be prepared during the second week of the month following the month during which the services have been performed. The monthly billing statement will include time detail to show the time spent by Counsel or other timekeepers and a listing of Out-of-Pocket Costs and Reimbursable Costs (as defined below). Client agrees to pay the Out-of-Pocket Costs upon receipt of the monthly billing statement.

Out-of-Pocket Costs and Reimbursable Costs

Client shall be responsible for all costs incurred which are reasonably necessary for the preparation and presentation of Client's representation. The Out-of-Pocket Costs include those items for which Counsel makes advances on behalf of Client. These typically include filing and messenger fees, investigator fees, external reproduction costs, delivery charges, postage, and all experts' and consultants' fees. The Reimbursable Costs include those costs that are internal to Counsel's office, such as internal reproduction costs, facsimiles, telephone charges or the like.

Counsel shall have the authority (but not the obligation) to make advances for such Out-of-Pocket Costs and Reimbursable Costs on Client's behalf, but Client shall remain ultimately responsible for payment or repayment of such costs. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Counsel shall receive the Client's verbal consent prior to any single Out-of-Pocket Cost or Reimbursable Cost in excess of \$500.00 and shall receive the Client's written consent for any single Out-of-Pocket Cost in excess of \$1000.00. An email from the Client shall suffice as "writing" under this provision.

In this case, Counsel has agreed to find the initial cost only of filing the case if one is to be filed, service costs for the summons and complaint and the filing costs for seeking a temporary restraining order or motion for preliminary injunction. Counsel has explained that after these procedures, Client and Counsel will have better information to assess whether the Court believes Client is "likely to prevail on the merits." At that juncture, both agree that Client and Counsel will meet, and either the costs will be shifted to the Client, or the Client will agree to dismiss the action without prejudice if the action does not seem likely to result in prevailing.

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Arbitration of Disputes

It is understood and agreed that any claim arising out of the rendition or lack of rendition of services under this Agreement (including claims of legal malpractice) will be determined by submission to final and binding arbitration. This includes any claim that any legal services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered. At the sole option of the Client this arbitration agreement may also include any dispute over legal fees as provided in Sections 6200-6206 of the California Business and Professions Code.

All parties to this Engagement Agreement, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury and instead are accepting the use of arbitration. Client may wish to seek outside advice or counsel concerning this procedure.

The arbitration proceedings will be administered by the Santa Monica Office of JAMS/Endispute.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF LEGAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL.

(Ms. Lowis' initials)

Entire Agreement

This Engagement Agreement contains the entire agreement between Counsel and Client. Client acknowledges that there are no other agreements (either oral or written) between Client and Counsel other than as set forth in this Engagement Agreement. No modification or waiver of any term of this Engagement Agreement shall be valid unless agreed to in a writing signed by both Client and Counsel.

Consultation With Independent Counsel

Client has been advised that this is a legally binding Engagement Agreement, and that Client has the right to (and Counsel recommends that Client does) consult an independent attorney to review and advise Client as to all of the terms of this Engagement Agreement, including but not limited to the scope of this Agreement, the fee and cost provisions of this Engagement Agreement and the advisability of Client executing this Engagement Agreement.

The undersigned, having carefully read and understands all of the above terms and conditions, hereby agrees to them.

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Copies of these threats are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

18. I have filed an application to register my acting performance in Desert Warrior work with the United States Copyright Office. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of my copyright application.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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MATTHEW 25:31-40 (NLT)

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Case No. CV 12-08315-MWF (VBKx)

Date: November 30, 2012

Title:

Cindy Lee Garcia -v- Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, et al.

PRESENT: HONORABLE MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD, U.S. DISTRICT

JUDGE

Rita Sanchez Courtroom Deputy None Present Court Reporter

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR PLAINTIFF:

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None Present

None Present

PROCEEDINGS (IN CHAMBERS): ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF
GARCIA'S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION [12]

On October 17, 2012, Plaintiff Cindy Lee Garcia filed an Ex Parte Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and an Order to Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction, and Order of Impoundment (the "Application"). (Docket No. 12). On October 18, 2012, Garcia's request for a temporary restraining order was denied, and the Application was construed as a motion for a preliminary injunction. (See Docket No. 15). This matter is now before the Court on Garcia's motion for preliminary injunction (the "Motion"). (See id.) Defendants Google Inc. and YouTube, LLC have filed an Opposition, and Garcia has filed a Reply. (Docket Nos. 22, 27).

The Court has read and considered the papers filed on this Motion and deems the matter appropriate for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b); Local Rule 7-15. Accordingly, the hearing set for **December 3, 2012**, is removed from the Court's calendar.

"A plaintiff seeking a preliminary injunction must establish that he is likely to succeed on the merits, that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, that the balance of equities tips in his favor, and that an injunction is in the public interest." Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucos Pharma

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GmbH & Co., 571 F.3d 873, 877 (9th Cir. 2009) (quoting Winter v. Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 20, 129 S. Ct. 365, 172 L. Ed. 2d 249 (2008)).

Furthermore, this injunction would require affirmative conduct by Defendants, *i.e.* Defendants' immediate action in regard to the Film. Therefore, Garcia's Motion "is subject to heightened scrutiny and should not be issued unless the facts and law clearly favor" her as the moving party. See Dahl v. HEM Pharms. Corp., 7 F.3d 1399, 1403 (9th Cir. 1993) (requiring defendant to provide drug to patients).

Garcia alleges that Defendants have infringed her purported copyright in a trailer for a film (the "Film"). (See generally Compl. (Docket No. 1)). The Film was posted for public viewing on YouTube on July 2, 2012 – five months ago. Given this five-month delay, Garcia has not demonstrated that the requested preliminary relief would prevent any alleged harm. Seto v. Thielen, Civil No. 10-00351 SOM-BMK, 2010 WL 2612603, at *2 (D. Haw. June 28, 2010) ("Given Plaintiffs' allegation that the septic system is currently leaking raw sewage into Kaneohe Bay, the requested injunction would not necessarily prevent irreparable harm to Plaintiffs, as the leaking of the raw sewage would continue with or without [the defendant's] presence at the park.").

Nor has Garcia established a likelihood of success on the merits. Even assuming both that Garcia's individual performance in the Film is copyrightable and that she has not released this copyright interest, the nature of this copyright interest is not clear. Nor is it clear that Defendants would be liable for infringement.

As was the case in Aalmuhammed v. Lee, 202 F.3d 1227 (9th Cir. 2000), the Film "is a copyrightable work, and it is undisputed that the movie was intended by everyone involved with it to be a unitary whole." Id. at 1231. Additionally, a copyright in a work "vests initially in the author or authors of the work. The authors of a joint work are coowners of copyright in the work." 17 U.S.C. § 201(a).

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Garcia does not argue that she is the sole author of the Film, nor does she argue that the Film was a joint work of which she was a co-author. According to the United States Supreme Court, the "author" is the "person to whom the work owes its origin and who superintended the whole work." Aalmuhammed, 202 F.3d at 1233 (citing Burrow-Giles Lithographic Co. v. Sarony, 111 U.S. 53, 61, 4 S. Ct. 279, 28 L. Ed. 349 (1884)). By Garcia's own allegations and argument, she does not meet this standard with respect to the Film. Furthermore, Garcia concedes that she does not have joint authorship over the Film or joint ownership of the copyright in the Film. (See Reply at 12 n.11).

Therefore, Garcia appears to argue only that she owns the copyright in her performance within the Film. Even if this copyright interest were cognizable and proven, by operation of law Garcia necessarily (if impliedly) would have granted the Film's author a license to distribute her performance as a contribution incorporated into the indivisible whole of the Film. See Effects Assocs., Inc. v. Cohen, 908 F.2d 555, 558-59 (9th Cir. 1990) ("[The plaintiff] created a work at defendant's request and handed it over, intending that defendant copy and distribute it. . . . Accordingly, we conclude that [the plaintiff] impliedly granted nonexclusive licenses to [the defendant] and his production company to incorporate the special effects footage into [the film]" and then "to distribute the film"). Garcia has introduced no evidence to the contrary.

Accordingly, Garcia's Motion (Docket No. 12) is DENIED.

Given the discussion above, the Court need not reach the issues of the balance of equities and the public interest.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Case 2: 2-cv-08315-MWF-VBK Document 42 Filed 12/21/12 Page 5 of 5 Page ID #:1030 PROOF OF SERVICE 1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES l am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over 3 the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 11900 Olympic Boulevard, Suite 730, Los Angeles, California 90064. 5 On December 21, 2012 I served the following document(s) described as: 6 **NOTICE OF APPEAL** 7 on the interested parties in this action by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes 8 addressed as follows: 9 Timothy L. Alger **Perkins Coie LLP** 10 3150 Porter Drive Palo Alto, CA 94304-1212 11 Nakoula B. Nakoula aka 12 **Mark Basseley Youssef Metropolitan Detention Center** 13 Inmate #56329-112 14 180 N. Los Angeles St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 15 (Courtesy copy) 16 BY MAIL: I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Under that practice, it 17 would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary 18 course of business. Such envelope(s) were placed for collection and mailing with postage thereon fully prepaid at Los Angeles, California, on that same day following ordinary 19 business practices. (C.C.P. § 1013 (a) and 1013a(3)) 20 Executed on December 21, 2012 in Los Angeles, California. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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